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ASSEMBLY DELEGATES HELD BY NANKING POLICE

"Popularly Elected Representatives" To Continue Hunger Strike

SHANGHAI MAN DIES AT SEA

New York, Mar. 29. Ragnar Bringert, aged 61, manager of the Shanghai office of G.K.P. Industries, died at sea on March 24, while on a motor liner "Stockholm" reported when the ship docked today.

The ship's physician, Dr. Gunnar Malmsten, said Bringert collapsed and died in a passage way during a storm. Bringert, with his wife, was returning to Shanghai following a vacation in Sweden.—Associated Press.

Control Of Trade In Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 29. Control of international trade in Japan by the occupation authorities will continue and each import and export must be validated by SCAP, the SCAP Economic and Scientific Section announced this afternoon.

To clarify the business status of commercial entities in Japan, M.H. Hall, executive officer of the SCAP Economic and Scientific Section, emphasized in a press interview that the only business they are allowed to engage in with a "specific licence" is private international trade. He added such business must be conducted under the control of the occupation authorities. Commercial entities who desire to engage in other business activities in Japan including the provision of services attendant to international trade are required to secure a separate licence from SCAP, declared Hall.—Central News.

Rump Assembly Declaration

Nanking, Mar. 29.

"The Association of Popularly Elected Delegates" who held a rump assembly today across the street from the National Assembly hall issued a six-point declaration demanding that they be allowed to take their Assembly seats and calling for the punishment of election officials.

"The Popularly Elected Delegates" were prevented from leaving the school grounds which they had been using as headquarters by 50 white-helmeted policemen who locked the gates. The six points of the declaration are:

1. "We support Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and are not opposed to him personally;
2. "We refuse to recognise the delegates who have been given our seats;
3. "We continue to uphold our original stand that we were elected by the will of the people and are entitled to take our seats;
4. "We demand full protection to the delegates who have disappeared; (This refers to the hunger strikers whose whereabouts were not known to the Association at the time);
5. "We protest against the police action;
6. "We demand disciplinary action against the election officials who conducted the elections in an illegal manner."

Coffin Removed

Archbishop Paul Yu Pin, who is attempting to mediate in the dispute, told the press that he hoped to find a solution within two days. He said Dr. Hu Shih, former Ambassador to Washington, is also mediating. The police, who carried off the hunger strikers from the Assembly hall, also took away the coffin which the Tientsin delegates, Chao Hui-lan, had set outside the Association headquarters as the symbol of the death of constitutionalism.

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Chiang Likely To Be Re-Elected

Nanking, Mar. 29.

China's National Assembly opened its sessions on schedule today to elect the President under the terms of the Constitution which (Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said) "was written in blood and tears." Ten delegates are in police detention.

Personally opening the inaugural meeting, the Generalissimo told 1,639 delegates that Constitutionalism would put an end "to the Communist rebels who now are indulging in a mad military adventure."

He urged "equal emphasis on suppression of the Communist rebellion and implementation of our Constitution. We have no choice but to remove this obstacle to our nation-building."

Delegates present at the opening session still were 391 short of the necessary two-thirds official quorum, but the Secretary-General said 400 more were en route. Under the Constitution, the only duties of the present session are the elections of the President and Vice-President for six-year terms.

Chiang Kai-shek appeared certain to be re-elected President without opposition. Of Vice-presidential candidates, the four leading are the incumbent Sun Fo, Control Yuan President Yu Yu-jen, and Generals Li Taung-jen and Cheng Chien, respectively commanders of the Generalissimo's Peiping and Hankow headquarters.

The forcible ejection and detention of ten representatives, "popularly elected delegates," from the Assembly auditorium was the only blot on an otherwise routine inauguration.

The ten men, who were among more than 100 whose demands for Assembly seats on the basis that they were winners in the November election where they ran without party sponsorship have been rejected, were carried from the auditorium by uniformed and plain-clothes police.

In Secluded Hostel

The Associated Press found them in a secluded Assembly hostel where the police commander said: "They will not be allowed to leave."

Yen, Chih-tze, Kwangtung Province highway traffic inspector, and Lien Tsui-on, Shanghai railway official, both Kuomintang members, told this story of their election.

At six o'clock this morning, while the delegates were resting in seats of the diplomatic hallway of the Assembly hall, a large group of men, some uniformed, suddenly appeared. The ten men were carried outside the hall, dumped into a large truck and taken to a hostel, their captors still holding them firmly through the journey.

At the hostel, Yen said, efforts were made to break the men's hunger strike. Hot dishes were set before each of the men but they refused to eat "until you recognise our rights and the wishes of the voters."

Official Version

Officials of the Assembly issued this version of the removal: "Minister of the Interior Chang Li-sheng and Secretary General Hung Lan-yu and delegates appealed to the group to leave the Assembly hall. Their imploring finally brought results. During the two hours of this morning, police escorted them to their hostel, and according to reports, they have resumed eating."

Lien said: "Their escort was rough. They handled me so hard, part of my clothes came off."

In an effort to settle the dispute over seats, the Generalissimo summoned the "Independents" to a second conference. Before attending, more than 50 delegates in a "rump assembly" voted to agree to surrender their seats.

The National Assembly will devote the next two days to preparatory sessions pending the arrival of enough delegates for a quorum.—Associated Press.

Faith In The Future Of China

Faith in the future of constitutional rule in China was expressed by speakers at a mass public meeting at the King's Theatre yesterday morning. The meeting was for the triple purpose of commemorating the martyrdom of the 72 heroes of the Chinese Revolution, the observance of China Youth Day, and celebrating the holding of China's first National Assembly, held in Nanking yesterday.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Loading Up



Boxes of ammunition on sale in the Street Of The Cross in the old city of Jerusalem. They are retailed by cigarette kiosks, fruit stalls and bootmakers' shops, and quite openly.

Kung To Take Up An Important Post?

New York, Mar. 29.

American business circles, according to one businessman today, are speculating over the possible return of H. H. Kung, wartime Vice-Premier, to an important post in the Chinese Government.

The speculation followed publication of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee report castigating "corruption in the Chiang Government" but at the same time recommending \$463,000,000 in aid.

The report, however, was subsequently withdrawn by the Committee chairman, Arthur Vandenberg. Sources pointed especially to one phase of this report which declared that the Chinese Government position deteriorated after the end of World War II.

The source said that business and some diplomatic circles were interpreting this to mean that Kung's departure from the Government at that time was keenly felt.

Exactly what position Kung might assume is not known but it was suggested that as wartime Vice-Premier he virtually was in charge of the entire civil administration in China at a time when Chiang Kai-shek was devoted mainly to the military.

Good Job

It was also pointed out that Vandenberg, in his statement withdrawing the committee report, flatly announced his unqualified admiration and support of Chiang.

Meanwhile, Chinese sources refused to comment on the rumours, and Kung himself could not be approached. Business sources, while gratified at the progress being made toward rendering aid to China, nevertheless suggested that emphasis on military aid is equally important as economic aid.

They declared that United States business would welcome Kung's return to the Government because "he did such a good job during the war, and he was known to favour greater investment in China." It was reported that United States business interests plan to continue to press a campaign in Washington for greater military aid to China.—United Press.

Mercy Flight To H.K. Airman's Bedside

Crook, Mar. 29.

Mrs. Sylvia Flynn, aged 24, of Wooley Terrace, Crook, County Durham, is leaving her minor husband and two-year-old daughter tomorrow (Tuesday) to begin a 6,000-mile flight to her brother, Aircraftman Desmond Parker, 21, seriously ill in a military hospital in Hong Kong.

She volunteered to go on hearing that the only chance of saving her brother is for him to be reunited with a near relative. Desmond's father could not go as he has a broken back from a pit accident.

The Air Ministry and Red Cross are paying for Mrs. Flynn's journey.—Reuter.

Mystery Of "Threat" To Statue

London, Mar. 29.

Threats to tar and feather the still unveiled statue of President Roosevelt in Grosvenor Square have been made to Scotland Yard, the newspaper "The Star" reported today.

Scotland Yard promptly denied that threats have been received. "The fact is," Scotland Yard's Press Department said, "that statue was delivered a bit sooner than expected. The Ministry of Works had no provision to take care of the statue and they asked us to assign a man to patrol it."

"The Star" said "Police and American Marines are keeping a 24-hour watch on the memorial." At mid-morning today there was no sign of anybody official—British or American—in Grosvenor Square. The Scotland Yard man apparently had gone for tea and since the memorial is entirely a British affair no American, Marine or otherwise, was in sight.

Marines will take an official interest in the memorial for the first time on April 12 when Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt will unveil the ten-foot ten-inch statue executed by the famed British sculptor, Sir William Reid Dick.—United Press.

The R.A. At The Tower

London, Mar. 28.

For the first time in history, the Royal Artillery will take over guard duties at the Tower of London from Wednesday next.

The guard will comprise two officers and 80 men from the 98th AA Regiment stationed at Felixstowe.—Reuter.

MANILA LAND MINE KILLS U.S. SCHOOL BOY

Manila, Mar. 29.

A land mine planted by retreating American forces on the Clark Field air base in December, 1941, to slow the Japanese advance, exploded today and killed an eight-year-old American schoolboy. Three of his playmates, all young girls, were injured, one critically.

The blast occurred shortly before noon near the housing area for dependents of American Army personnel. It was the second incident of its kind within 48 hours. (The earlier incident is reported on page 7).

The 13th Air Force public information office withheld the names of the young victims for one day to permit notification of relatives in the United States. The boy was the son of an Air Force Sergeant.

The mine was a butterfly fragmentation bomb buried in the earth. It had been overlooked by both Japanese and American bomb disposal squads and its location forgotten. Lieut-Colonel Benjamin Molina, chief of the Philippine Army Ordnance, said that disposal units have gathered more than 2,000 tons of eight and 12-inch American shells for dumping into the sea. Working carefully and hitherto without incident, Philippine troops of the engineers corps have cleared all of the Manila tunnel and its network of lateral passages of mines and booby traps and it was now considered safe.

The Manila tunnel earned its name in history when it sheltered MacArthur, Quezon, nurses and the heroic defenders of the Rock during the first five months of war.—Associated Press.

British Fleet In Manila

Manila, Mar. 29.

Units of the British Pacific Fleet are due in Manila on Tuesday for a goodwill visit. They are the cruiser H.M.S. London, the destroyer Consort and the sloop Albert.

Soccer teams of the three warships will play a round of games with local clubs during their stay.—Associated Press.

Further Claims Of Govt. Successes Chahar Communists Withdrawing

Peiping, Mar. 29.

The Communists in southern Chahar are withdrawing toward their bases in Hopel to avoid a large-scale battle, but Government troops are trying to intercept and engage them, pro-Government reports state.

Central News, the official Government news agency, belatedly claimed the Nationalists retook Yuhshien on March 26. Yuhshien, formerly the pivot Nationalist defence in southern Chahar, is 100 miles west of Peiping.

Nationalist planes attacked

convoys of loot-laden carts moving toward Communist bases in Hopel. It was said that in one such attack alone all carts were blown to bits and 500 Communists were killed.

Dispatches report skirmishes within ten miles of Tating, key Nationalist bastion in northern Shansi, but claim the main Red forces around the city are withdrawing.

They say the Reds in this area suffered heavy casualties through repeated attacks by Nationalist P-51s and P-25s.

After days of quiet, fresh local activity is reported from Manchuria.

Dispatches say 10,000 Reds attacked an airfield southwest of Changchun on March 25 and fighting was still in progress two days later.

Success Claimed

A clash is also reported near Liaoyang, 35 miles south of Mukden, with the Nationalists claiming they killed 1,000 Reds. Success in a drive against the Reds immediately north of Chinghsien, Nationalist base between the Great Wall and Mukden, is also claimed.

The dispatches say that through all "all-supporter" places, information the Nationalists have cleared the Reds from the area between Chinghsien and Tshien, 80 miles to the north.—Associated Press.

Britain's Wonderful Easter

London, Mar. 28.

On Easter Sunday in England everybody was talking about the weather. The weather was wonderful. It was a "little summer" in March. By the sands, Easter holiday makers had their first holiday of the year at the seaside resorts.

With the weather to talk about, the international crises, warnings of more "austerity" in their way of living and threats of national

Motor Ship In Trouble

Manila, Mar. 29.

Globe Wireless today intercepted an SOS from the Philippine motor vessel "Birius." The distress call said the craft had developed engine trouble in a northeast gale in danchung, reef-strewn San Bernardino Strait and needed immediate help.

The "Birius" left Manila on Saturday for Legaspi. She carries a crew of 24 men. Owned by the United Ship piling Company, she is a 25-ton former U.S. Army cargo boat.—Associated Press.

Eurasian Girl Missing

A 16-year-old Eurasian girl who ran away from her home in Macao several days ago is believed to be somewhere in Hong Kong, though Police Hqs. last night told the "China Mail" they knew nothing about it.

According to a reliable source, however, the girl, Corrina Au, left home with about \$1,000 in jewellery and all photographs of herself.

She was to have left a few days later with her father for the United States. So far, no trace of her has been found. Her father is reported to have requested police assistance.

bankruptcy which had troubled them for months.

The four-day Easter holiday ends on Tuesday, however. And in the West of England there were clouds and the threat of rain on Monday.—Associated Press.

SOVIET 'PLAN' REJECTED

Lake Success, Mar. 29.

Mr. Richard Miles, on behalf of Britain, Canada, France and China, and with tacit American approval, today told the Soviet Union in the United Nations atomic energy working committee that "no useful purpose can be served" by further discussion of the Soviet proposals for the control of the atom.

Mr. Miles, who is the British delegate, read a four-power statement proposing the rejection of the Soviet plan, which had been under discussion since it was made last June.

Russia's plan included, firstly, international control of all facilities for the mining and production of atomic materials, and secondly, the control authority to be in the framework of the Security Council and to have its own inspectors.

The four-power statement said that the Soviet proposals for control of atomic energy were "useless and would not eliminate the danger of atomic war."

"The Soviet proposals are not an acceptable basis for the international control of atomic energy. The United Nations Atomic Energy Commission cannot endorse any scheme which would prevent the diversion of atomic materials, which provides an effective means for the detection of clandestine activities, and which has no provision for prompt and effective enforcement action."

"The Soviet Government has not only proposed a scheme that is fundamentally inadequate for the control of atomic energy, but at the same time has made the

The Weather

A moderate anticyclone is stationary over China and Japan. It is relatively low over Japan, and a shallow depression is moving E to the N of Manila. Forecast for the Philippines: Tomorrow, partly cloudy. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 27.7 deg. F. Minimum 64.5 deg. F. Rainfall: 10.6 inches. Humidity: 75 per cent. Wind: S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Barometer: 30.1 inches. Sea: 1 to 2 ft. swell. Tides: High water 10.15 a.m. and 10.15 p.m. Low water 4.15 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. Moon: Full. Sunrise: 6.15 a.m. Sunset: 6.15 p.m. Moonset: 11.15 p.m. Moonrise: 11.15 a.m.

Lucky The Fine Was Only \$500

With cuts and stitches, Bau Shiu-tak, 25, of No. 5 Broadwood Road, appeared before Mr. Clifford at Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Defendant, pleading guilty through his counsel, Mr. P. C. Woo, was fined \$500 and warned by the Magistrate that he would be sent to prison without the option of a fine the next time he appeared in Court for the same dangerous offence.

Inspector Brownrigg told the Court that defendant attended a wedding last Sunday and drove along King's Road at 1.15 a.m. Near the Ritz he crashed into a stationary lorry. Extensive damage was suffered by the private car, but the lorry was only slightly damaged. Defendant was injured and sent to the Queen Mary Hospital, where he was found to be under the influence of drink and certified unfit to drive a vehicle.

Sub-Inspector Norman Senior said that he found the lorry driver, who was the private car driver, in the defendant's car, and that the defendant was driving away with the lorry at the time it was found. The Magistrate termed the offence a very serious one.

Tainted Meat Confiscated

Several hundred pounds of unwholesome meat were confiscated and destroyed at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

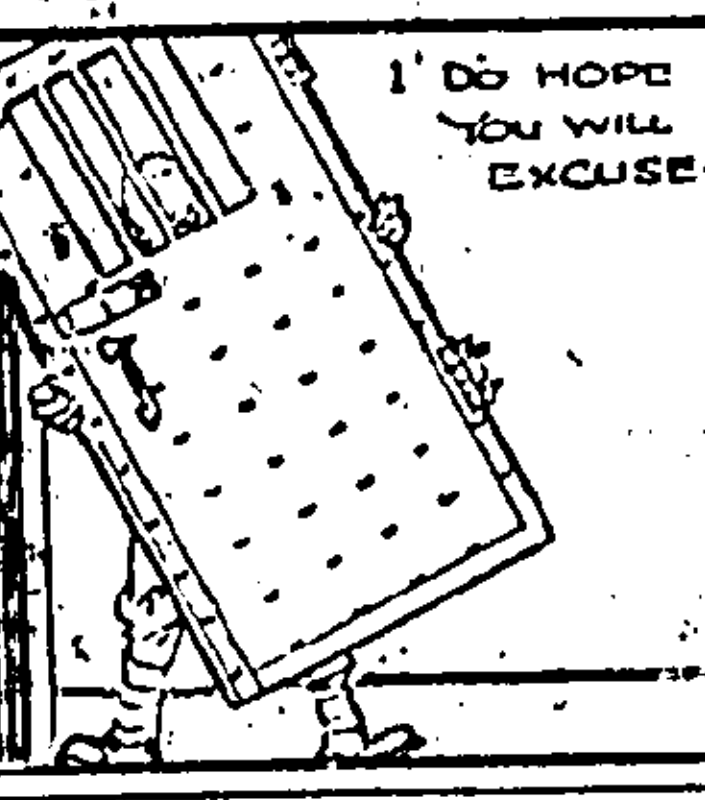
Leung Tim and Wong Chi, charged with possession of unwholesome meat together with Shap Leung, were discharged owing to lack of evidence.

Leung said that he was engaged by Wong to hire a lorry. Wong told the Court that he was employed by Shap as a coolie.

Third defendant pleaded guilty. Defendants were arrested at Connaught Road, West, last Sunday, when transporting the meat in a lorry.

Fatal injuries were sustained by a Chinese who jumped off a moving lorry at the Junction of Tai Po and Castle Peak Roads at noon yesterday; the vehicle was proceeding towards Kowloon.

POP



Popping out for one

MARSHALL CALLED A "COMPLETE FAILURE"

Wadena, Minnesota, Mar. 29. Representative Harold Knutson has attacked Mr. George Marshall editorially, naming him a "complete failure" in the field of diplomacy and demanded that he be replaced as Secretary of State.

Writing in the Wadena Pioneer Journal, of which he is publisher, Rep. Knutson described Mr. Marshall as "pompous and self-opinionated in the extreme". The editorial was entitled, "Marshall Should Go."

Rep. Knutson said, "As Secretary of State, Marshall leaves much to be desired. We have had some great Secretaries of State, but on the other hand, we have had mediocrities whose records we cannot view with satisfaction. In the latter classification Mr. Marshall ranks well to the fore."

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First Occasion

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(In Washington, Rep. Knutson reiterated his demand. He said he was particularly dissatisfied with the results of Mr. Marshall's diplomatic missions to China and Moscow and the about-face on Palestine.)

Rep. Knutson's criticism marked one of the first occasions the Secretary of State has been publicly attacked by a member of Congress. An Army Chief of Staff during the last war and later as Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall has enjoyed nearly unique personal prestige in Congress administration. — United Press.

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TRADE Stolen; One Gate

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WAR WITH RUSSIA A DANGER TO E.R.P.

No Business With Countries Behind The Iron Curtain

Washington, Mar. 28. The Senate President, Mr. Arthur Vandenberg, and the State Department are concerned for fear the mounting trade war with Russia might endanger the European recovery programme.

This concern is based on the belief that Congressional reaction to United States shipments of aircraft engines to Russia may mushroom in House action cutting off aid to Western European States doing business behind the Iron Curtain.

Chief concern among Senate leaders and State Department officials is the amendment to the House foreign aid bill sponsored by Representative Karl Mundt. It would order the aid administrator to cut off American assistance to any European nation shipping materials to Russia or her satellites which might be of value in the event of war.

The House starts considering amendments to its "single package" aid bill tomorrow with the vote on passage expected by Wednesday. House leaders predicted approval by a three to one margin. The measure will then go to a Senate conference for adjustment of differences.

The Senate bill is confined to ERP while the House bill includes ERP, economic aid to China, military aid to Greece, Turkey and China and a contribution to the United Nations Children's Fund.

Both Senator Vandenberg and the State Department have stated publicly that restoration of pre-war Soviet trade with Western Europe is the "basic assumption" for success of the Marshall Plan, but they add the important provision that such trade must not mean political domination by Russia.

The Republican foreign policy leader strongly opposes any "war potential" to the Soviet, but, together with others responsible for ERP, he feels the shortcomings in United States export controls should not be by restrictive amendments written into the recovery programme.

Senator Vandenberg's position on the resumption of East-West trade was expressed in the Senate on March 1 when he said in an East-West flow of trade in Europe is both its resumption will be profitable to both. There is nothing in this ERP which retards this resumption.

The State Department has gone even stronger on the matter. In a report submitted to Senator Vandenberg's Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Department asserted that the long-range programme of aid to Europe would be frustrated if East-West trading would be restricted. The Department said that without such trading, European recovery would be a "slower and more difficult, but not impossible, achievement."

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Woman Driver Cautioned

"Go and apply for a licence" was the advice given by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to Gen. Showel, 23-year-old married woman of 128, Boundary Street, ground floor, when she was charged at Kowloon yesterday with driving private car 2781 without a licence.

According to Sub-Inspector J. B. Howarth, defendant was seen by P.C. 1208 and 1001 at 11 a.m. driving the car at Suffolk Road near Norfolk Road, Kowloon.

When asked to produce her licence she was unable to do so and was, with the licensed driver sitting beside her, taken to the Kowloon City Station and charged.

Speaking in English, defendant said that she held a driver's licence in Hong Kong. She arrived in the Colony about six months ago and was "just testing the car on the open space at Suffolk Road."

"I was not even driving on the road," added accused, who was discharged with a caution by the Magistrate.

Another Offender. Charged with the same offence at the same place at 11 p.m. was a 40-year-old woman, who was fined \$40 by Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Defendant, said SI Howarth, was stopped by a constable at 9.50 p.m. on March 28 while driving Jeep 501 on the vacant ground at Suffolk Road near Waterloo Road. He was accompanied by a licensed driver, Fook Kwok-ming, against whom a summons for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his car would be taken out.

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Jewess Shot By Jews

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.
A young Jewish matron who was abducted from a Jerusalem cafe on Saturday by Jewish terrorists was found shot dead—on waste ground near Wallach Hospital in Jerusalem on Sunday.
The Jewish press reported that the woman, Mrs. Vera Ducas, 36, and her 11-year-old son were taken from a cafe by Stern group members.
The son later was released. An anonymous telephone call directed the police to the body.—Associated Press.

ILP To Try No More For Parliament

Southport, Mar. 28.
The Independent Labour Party, from which sprang the Labour Party, today abjured all Parliamentary ambitions, recognising the political developments that have left it unrepresented in the House of Commons.

The annual conference of the party here, after a four-hour debate, resolved to end electoral activities of the Independent Labour Party.

The General Secretary, Mr. John McNair, who later announced the decision, declined to give exact voting figures, but said the resolution was carried by a very narrow majority.

"The resolution was passed because we believe that the world is moving towards a third world war, an atomic war that will mean the end of civilisation," he said.

"Our main purpose for the future will be to work for a united Socialist State of Europe to prevent that war."

Mr. McNair denied that his party was committing "political suicide" stating its activities would be most useful in political education and propaganda.

He recalled that the Independent Labour Party was decisively beaten in the last two bye-elections it contested. "If world conditions change, we may well change our policy again and fight the elections"—Reuter.

America Releases Aliens

Washington, Mar. 28.
Russia and her satellites have blocked the deportation from the United States of 2,376 undesirable aliens, including about 80 revolutionary Communists, and all are now at liberty.

The Justice Department said these aliens were all nationals of countries behind the "Iron Curtain." However, the Soviet bloc has refused to accept them. Furthermore, the United States has no alternative but to forgo their expulsion. Justice Department sources admitted the Government was concerned about the matter and some Congressional remedy may be sought.

The aliens are free on bond or appeal from deportation orders. They include criminals and mental and physical defectives, as well as Communists.

The Justice Department also revealed that the Immigration Commission was studying the possibility of tightening regulations governing entry into the United States from Canada.—United Press.

DROVE WITHOUT DUE CARE

A fine of \$750 or two months' hard labour was imposed on Foo Man, 29, public vehicle driver, when he appeared at Central Magistrate yesterday for driving without due care and attention outside the Supreme Court on March 29 at 12.25 a.m.
Defendant's licence was suspended for three months.
Insp. H. Moran prosecuted.

Looking On The Bright Side No Shooting War For Five Years, Says Atom Expert

Sydney, Mar. 28.
A prediction that there will be no shooting war for at least five years and there will be several years in which to discuss war problems was made by Professor Marcus Oliphant, noted British atom bomb expert, today.

In a broadcast, Professor Oliphant said: "There will be no shooting war for at least five years. We still have several years to discuss war problems."

Professor Oliphant, who is here to advise the Australian National Research Council, said he was certain that only the United States had atom bombs in "plenty."

Russia might make two or three in the next five years, but it needed hundreds to wage a successful war, and years would be needed to produce these.

Even if she were given the blueprints plus the advice of American scientists, Russia would take five years to create the necessary stockpile, he said.

Professor Oliphant said it would also be several years before the Western powers could make an intensive and successful attack against Russia.

Discussing the coming "atomic age," he said he believed it possible that atomic power stations might be operating in competition with coal burning stations within 10 years, but that it would possibly be 25 years before the world's power was obtained from atomic sources.—Reuter.

Warning that "we are on the very brink of war," he appealed to President Truman to make a "last dramatic effort" for peace in a personal meeting with Generalissimo Stalin.

Pepper said he wants Mr. Truman to propose to Stalin "an American plan for peace" which would call a halt to physical and ideological aggression by all nations, and promise our economic help to those who conform.

"This is not a proposed meeting for appeasement," Pepper declared, as he outlined his ideas in a radio interview. "I don't believe in appeasement."

With regard to Russia, Pepper said, we would want to be sure "that they are not going to take the help we give them and use it against us."—Associated Press.

NEW EMBASSIES
London, Mar. 28.
The British and Afghan Governments have agreed that their Legations in London and Kabul shall become Embassies, the Foreign Office announced.

The British Minister in Kabul is Sir Giles Frederick Squire, appointed in 1943, and that of Afghanistan in London is Sir John Naim, appointed in 1946.—Reuter.

BAGUIO TRAGEDY
Baguio, Mar. 28.
Murray Cook, representative of International Harvester, was fatally hurt and his wife Mary, 51, injured when their automobile plunged down a 80-foot precipice during a pleasure ride near Baguio yesterday (Sunday).—United Press.

Soviet Attacks On Swedish C-in-C
Moscow, Mar. 29.
Two Soviet newspapers on Sunday accused the Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Armed Forces, General Holger Jung, of planning to build air bases for United States planes and paratroops on Swedish territory.

The inclusion of Swedish aviation in the system of the United States;
"Mobilisation of industry on the basis of the import of American strategic military raw materials, and
"Construction in northern parts of Sweden of new fortifications and aerodromes for the use of American planes and paratroops."—Associated Press.

The severe attacks on the Swedish "war clique" by both "Red Fleet" and "Red Star," the Army paper, followed accusations on Saturday by Izvestia that the Norwegian Government was planning to allow the United States War Department to use Norwegian Arctic islands.

The Swedish defence plan, proposed by Jung, said Red Fleet, is based on "American help" and provides for "increasing contingents of trained officers and men armed with United States armaments."
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CONTRABAND GOLD
The first big seizure of contraband gold, smuggled from Macao into Chungshan District, was made by the Chinese Maritime Customs on Saturday at Shek-ki, according to Chinese press reports yesterday.

The gold, more than 500 taels, was discovered in a taxi plying between Macao and Shek-ki. The taxi-driver has been arrested.

Australian Communist Intrigues
Sydney, Mar. 28.
Amid an uproar, a declaration that Communists, directed from Russia, were "committed to the destruction of the Australian Labour Party" was approved at a conference of the Victorian branch of the Labour Party in Melbourne during the week end.

The charge was made in an executive recommendation which said that "destruction" of the party was "a prelude to social disorder and the seizure of political power by a revolution."

The Sydney Morning Herald said Communist supporters were "overwhelmingly defeated" at the conference, which urged the Commonwealth Government to "weed out" the Communists and "fellow travellers" from public service.—Reuter.

Anti-Partition Meetings Held By London Irish

London, Mar. 28.
Standing high on the ruined wall of a London bombed site, Major Vivian de Valera, barrister son of Eire's ex-Premier and a member of its Dail (Parliament), today addressed the overflow of a 5,000-strong demonstration against the partition of Ireland.

"Dev's son" was rushed outside from the platform of a packed hall to exhort 3,000 Irishmen, women and children who could not get into the meeting, to fight for the unity of Ireland.

The Northern Ireland Government banned an anti-partition demonstration in London-derry on St. Patrick's Day, so Major de Valera and the Anti-Partition of Ireland League organised today's London meeting.

Two processions led by Irish players converged on the hall from opposite directions. They marched, bearing placards declaring "Damn your concessions. We want our Country" and "England—You need our friendship. We want yours." "Our terms—a united Ireland."

To cheers, clapping and stamping, de Valera appealed to his audience to "strike that last blow which will see an independent, unified Ireland once again."

He declared: "There is no fooling about it this time. That border is going to go. This decision affects every person of Irish blood everywhere in the world."

Mr. Eddie McAteer, a Member of Parliament in the Ulster Government, said the partition of Ireland was "the least published offence against democracy today."

"Police rule flourishes in Northern Ireland," Mr. McAteer declared.—Reuter.

Conference Of Indian Chambers

London, Mar. 28.
A resolution urging the Indian Government to make a clear-cut statement on its nationalisation policy was passed today at a conference of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, India, reported.

The conference, opened in New Delhi by Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, also passed resolutions concerning foreign trade and the nationalisation of banks.

The resolution on nationalisation called for a Government policy giving the greatest scope for private enterprise "under such regulations and controls as might be necessary in the wider interest of the nation."

In their resolution on foreign trade, the conference demanded that the country's import policy should be directed towards conserving India's foreign exchange resources and that a "vigorous export drive should be taken on a planned basis."—Reuter.

U.S. Aid Bill To Be Approved Today?

Washington, Mar. 28.
An attempt to remove military aid for China, Turkey and Greece from the US\$6,205,000,000 House Foreign Aid Bill was predicted today by Representative Mike Mansfield, Montana Democrat.

But all signs pointed toward failure of such an attempt as well as most other amendments to the big bill to build up non-Communist countries around the world.

Mansfield is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, which will push the bill into the voting stage on the House floor on Monday.

The bill offers American money and military advice to friendly European nations and China. Speedy approval, with votes to spare, is expected on Tuesday or Wednesday.

For military help the bill carries US\$275,000,000 for Greece and Turkey, and US\$150,000,000 for China.

Mansfield told a reporter the battle will be shifted to the House floor. He said he will not offer the amendment to knock out military provisions, "but somebody will, you can bank on that."

The prospects of it getting anywhere were something else. Republicans have the votes to bar it.

Representative Sol Bloom, New York Senator Democrat, told a reporter "we are pretty much resigned to taking the bill as it is."—Associated Press.

Alleged Atrocities In Greece

Moscow, Mar. 28.
The "Free Greek Radio" has broadcast a statement, addressed by the "Provisional Government of Free Greece" to the International Red Cross, accusing the "Greek Royalist Army" of atrocities and the murder of women and children. Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported from Belgrade today.

The statement compared "the very humane treatment accorded to the monarcho-fascists by the Greek forces" with the ruthless extermination of captured democrats by monarcho-fascists with the help of American officers, who have recently begun to take an active part in murdering war prisoners.

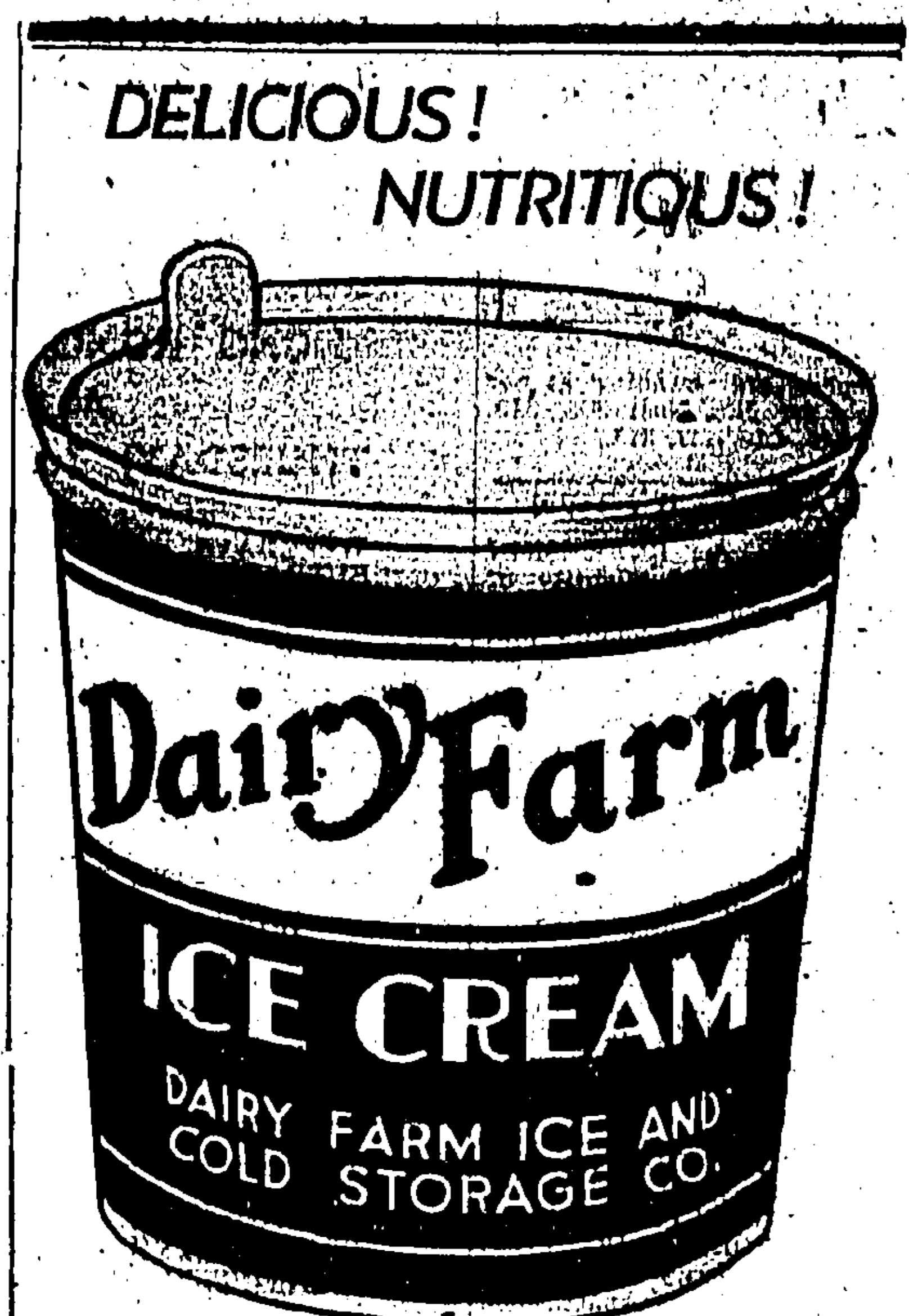
The statement declared: "The Free Greek Government resolutely protests against the attitude of the Red Cross, which, to this day, passes in silence the monarcho-fascist atrocities."—Reuter.

HONAN SPIES

Shanghai, Mar. 29.
Police smashed a Communist spy ring in Kailang in Northern Honan Province and arrested three Red agents, Chinese press despatches reported.
They said the trio confessed to espionage activities.—Associated Press.

Amoy, Mar. 29.

A slight earthquake was felt in the heart of the city on Sunday at 2.02 p.m. local time. Windows and doors rattled for "many seconds but no damage was reported. The shock was intermittent and some said it lasted one minute."—Associated Press.



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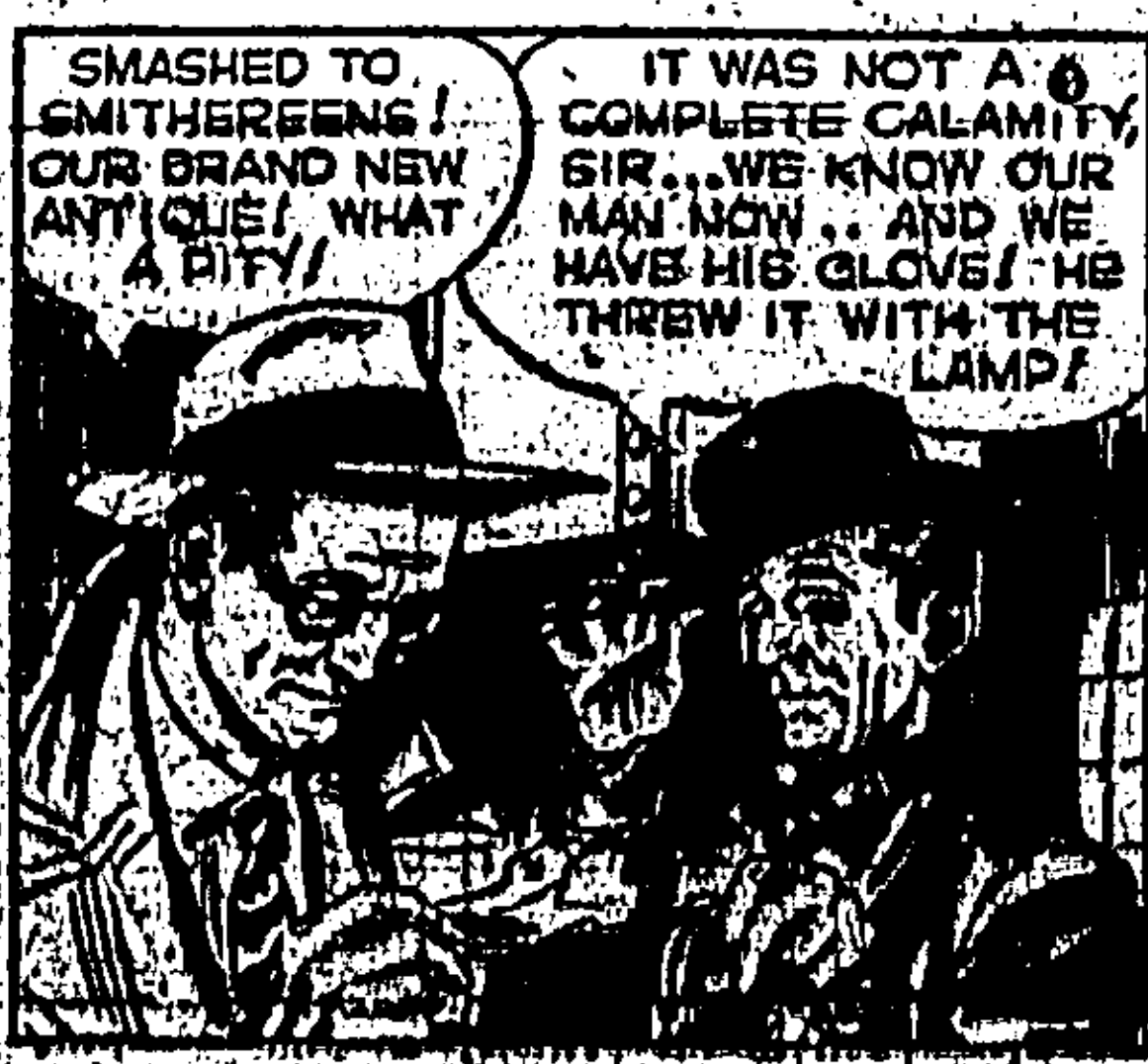
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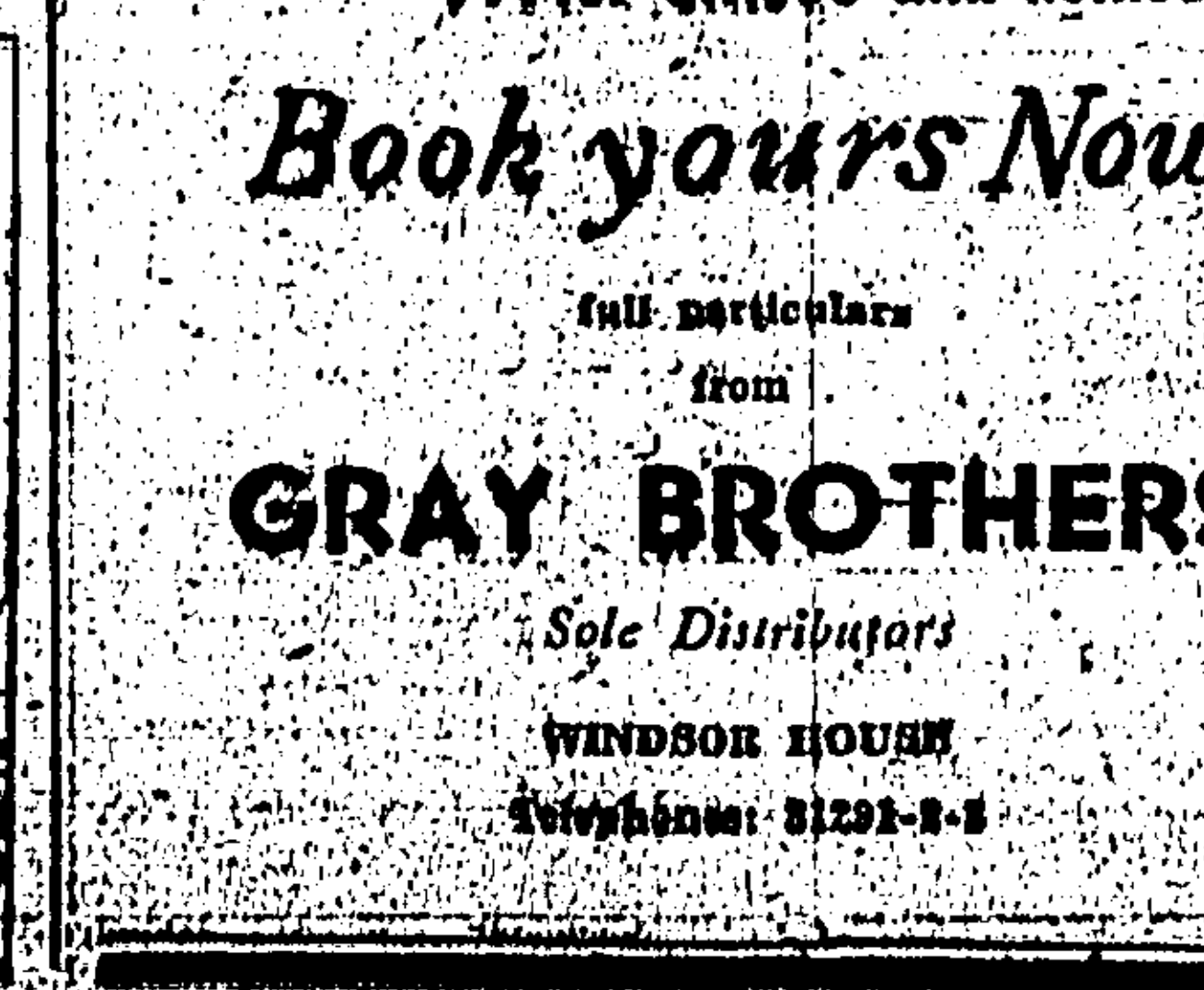
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fourteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 1948, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 31st day of March, 1948 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1948.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Friday, the 2nd April, 1948, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th March to the 2nd April, 1948, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1948.

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Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-first Ordinary Yearly meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1948, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of Directors, for the year ended 30th June 1947, and to transact the Ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO. LTD.
J. W. SHEWAN,
Director,
General Managers.

HONG KONG, 18th March 1948.

DIABOLICAL CONSPIRACY Red Kidnappings Of Greek Children Deliberate Resort To Barbarism

Athens, Mar. 28.

M. Constantin Tsaldaris, the Greek Foreign Minister, has sent telegrams to Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, the Greek news agency reported today.

Protesting at the kidnapping of children by "Markos guerillas" and their transference to countries neighbouring north of Greece, the telegram said:

"In the attempt to torture the Greeks and terrorise other free peoples into submission, totalitarian Communism has contrived and is now carrying out a diabolical international conspiracy to kidnap tens of thousands of the children of Greece.

"Children between the ages of three and 14 are being systematically enticed or torn from their parents and transported far from their homes, their churches and their native surroundings, to be schooled in hatred of their families, their religion and the virtues on which civilisation depends", the telegram added.

"While details of this deliberate resort to barbarism are still being verified by the United Nations Balkans Commission, the perpetrators are boastfully broadcasting admissions of their part in this international crime.

"60,000"

"From Belgrade, Sofia, Bucharest, Budapest and Tirana, the controlled radios announce the arrival of children separated from their parents in Greece", the telegram said. Copies of the telegrams have been handed to the Ambassadors of Britain, the United States, and France in Athens.

M. Tsaldaris said that on March 12, Tirana Radio announced the arrival of children between three and 14 and Belgrade Radio had said on March 14 that 400 children had arrived there, while Sofia Radio said that arrivals there were said "to be only the vanguard of 60,000 children, destined for exchanges in Albania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Rumania and some other countries."

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1948, to WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
B. C. FIELD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th March, 1948.

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THE WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMOIRS ARE ON THE WAY

TRANSPORT TIE-UP

London, Mar. 28.

Men of the Nottingham Corporation and Ashton-under-Lyne today joined in the passenger road transport strike, which has affected a large area of the North of England.

The issue is the national award of 7/6d per week increase in wages. Not all the Nottingham men are out, and a skeleton service is being operated on some routes. Also joining the stoppage today are some 400 Wigan Corporation men who, at midnight, began a 24-hour strike, which has badly disorganised the holiday plans of thousands of people.—Reuter.

Troops Move To Trieste

Rome, Mar. 28.

Five thousand Yugoslav troop reinforcements have moved into the Yugoslav-occupied zone of Trieste Free Territory and 300 camouflaged Russian-made tanks have been concentrated at a point near the border nine miles north-east of Trieste.

The newspaper Il Momento said that during the past few days 3,000 Yugoslav troops were brought into the hamlets of Vetrinello and Castelvero and 2,000 into the town of Buie, all in the southern Yugoslav-controlled zone of the Free State.

Whole families were evicted from their homes to provide lodging for the troops, according to the report. Il Momento said other troop reinforcements were reported in the Trieste GULF towns of Capodistria and Isola and described the "hectic war psychosis" there. Meanwhile, all was quiet in Italy, where Leftists and Rightists alike took advantage of the Easter holiday to rest for the last three weeks of the crucial campaign which will culminate in the general election.—United Press.

Tax Bill To Be Vetoed?

Washington, Mar. 28.

Congress expects President Harry Truman to veto the US\$4,800,000,000 income tax-cutting bill this week. It also expected to make the measure over his veto.

A few lawmakers still contended that a Presidential message naming plans for new and big spending—around US\$4,000,000,000—for military preparedness could swing enough votes to sustain a Presidential veto. But most of the big majorities which approved the bill governing the House and Senate against arguments of that kind.—Associated Press.

Truman Visit To Greece?

Istanbul, Mar. 28.

The newspaper Vatan, quoting "semi-official sources", today reported that President Truman would visit Greece and Turkey next month.

Vatan said his trip would be a "gesture of American support for all countries threatened by Communist aggression."

It added that the President would make the voyage in the cruiser Augusta and also would have a special plane at his disposal.

Official sources would not comment.—United Press.

Easter In The Holy-City

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.

The spirit and pageantry of Easter passed almost unnoticed in the Holy City.

Only a devout few braved the dangers of civil war to worship at Christendom's holiest spot, the tomb in which Christ lay for three days before walking again on earth.

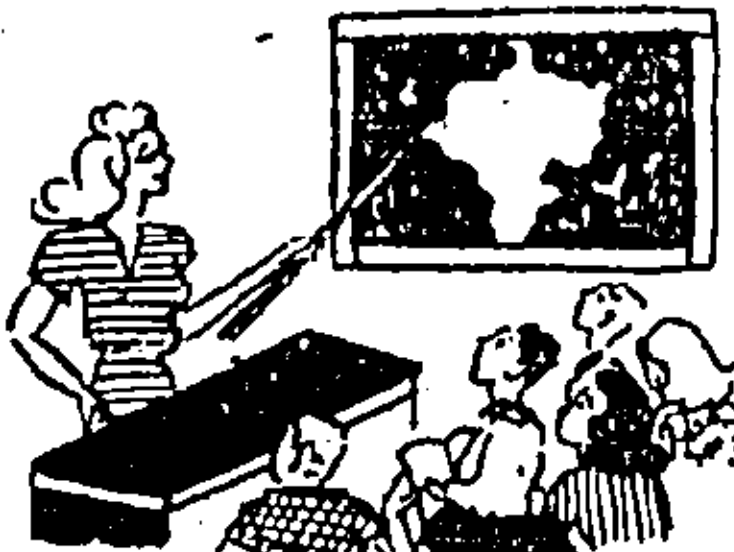
Archbishop Monsignor Arthur Hughes read Pontifical High Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and led a procession to the tomb after services at the Stone of Holy Union, where tradition says the scourged and pierced body of the Saviour was prepared for burial.

Services were attended by many in the sombre garb of clerics, a few of the Consular Corps in full dress and a few score of laymen who, braved the sniper-ridden streets of the old city.

The British District Commissioner J. H. Pollock arrived with an escort of Scots Guards who stood shoulder to shoulder with Arab National Guardsmen who patrolled the streets and formed a guard of honour at the church.—Associated Press.

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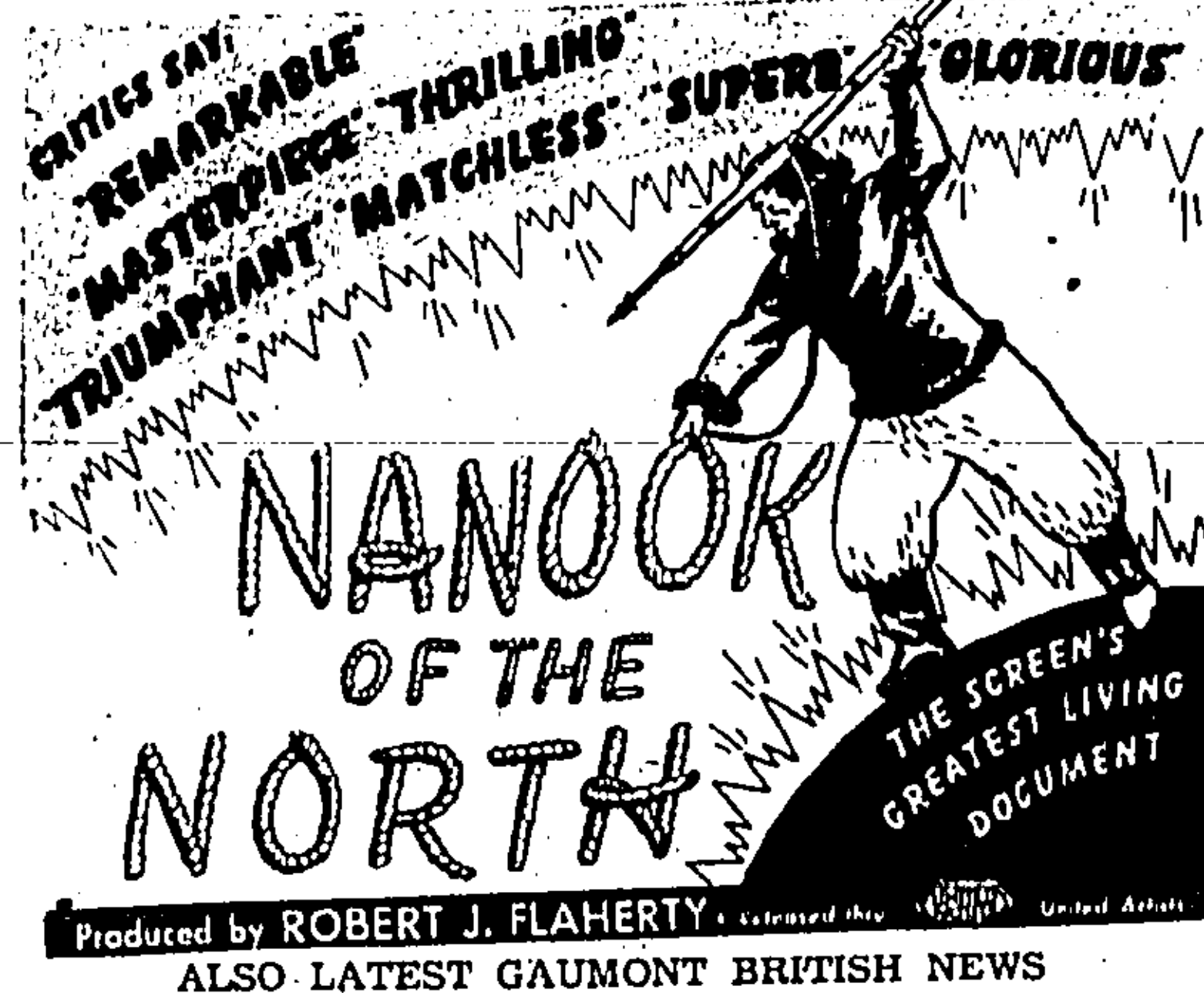
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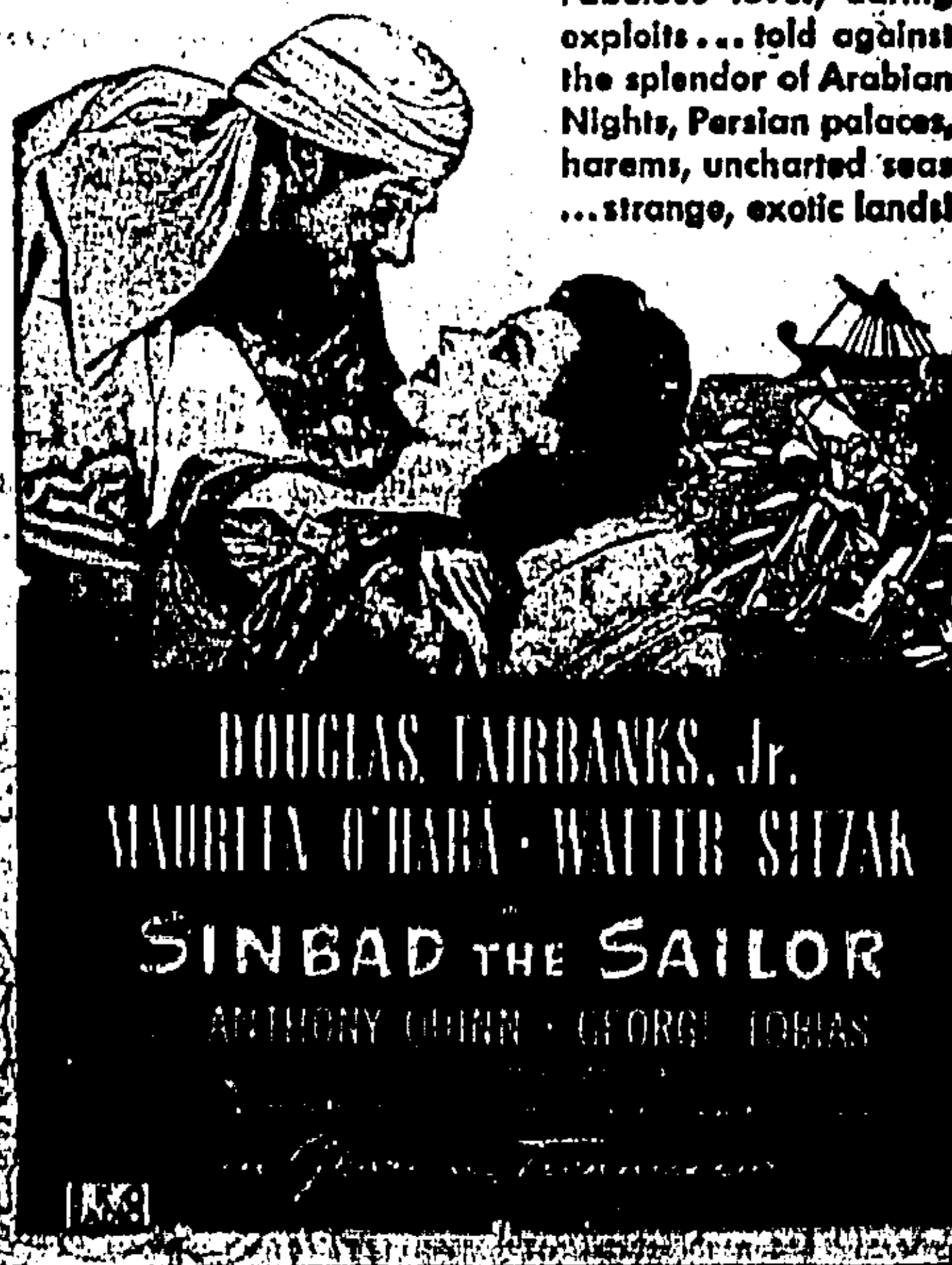
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'INJURIOUS FAIRY TALES' Soviet Accusations Against Persia

"Severe" Note To Teheran

Teheran, Mar. 28.

The Soviet Union, replying to a recent Persian note, has accused Persia of a policy "contrary not only to normal relations but also with the treaty of friendship between Persia and Soviet Russia of 1921."

The Soviet note rejected Persia's reply to the Russian protest of Feb. 2 against "American imperialistic activities" in Persia.

The 1921 treaty to which Soviet Russia referred provides for Soviet Russia to move troops into Persia in certain circumstances.

Political circles here regarded as significant a statement in the Soviet note that "the Soviet Government must point out that in the year 1941, the Persian Government also tried to deny the existence of foreign agents in Persia whose activities were directed against the Soviet Union."

This referred, observers here said, to the presence of German agents in Persia in 1941, which provoked the application of Article 6 of the 1921 treaty by the moving of Russian troops to Persia.

Intimidation?

The new Soviet note's mention of the 1921 treaty was regarded by these observers as aimed at intimidating Persia by comparing the presence of Germans then with American activities at the present time.

The Soviet note, signed by M. Ivan Sadchikov, the Soviet Ambassador in Teheran, was sent to the private house of the Persian Prime Minister, Mohammed Hekimi, on March 24, when the Premier and the Government were away on a Persian New Year holiday.

The Premier returned on Friday and the Shah arrived here today.

The note rejected all points of the Persian reply to Russia's protest about the activities of the American military mission here. It described as "injuriously false" Persia's counter-charge of Soviet interference in Azerbaijan affairs and granting asylum to Persians accused of high treason. Russia claimed the right, however, provided by the Soviet Constitution, to give refuge to foreign subjects.

Other allegations in the Persian note were described as "provocative fabrications utterly without foundation" and "nonsense."

"We reject all the charges," the note added. The wording of the note was considered "extremely severe" by political circles here.—Reuter.

New Type Of Mine Dismantled

Seattle, Mar. 29.

A new type of Japanese mine was dismantled near Seat Rock, Oregon, by two U.S. Navy bomb disposal men, according to a 13th Naval District headquarters report issued today.

The bomb will be sent to Washington, D.C., for further study by Navy experts.

The Navy heard of the mines before but was never able to locate one intact.

The mine was a late Japanese development and extremely sensitive. It weighed 420 lb. and contained 190 lb. of explosive.—United Press.

BURIED ALIVE

Dortmund, Mar. 29.

Five German miners were buried alive in a coal pit explosion at Dortmund on Thursday. It was revealed yesterday.

Four others were buried in the "Minister Stein" mine but escaped with injuries.—Associated Press.

TAIWAN QUAKE

Shanghai, Mar. 29.

An earthquake shook Taiwan at 0550 GMT on Mar. 28 a Sin Wan Pao dispatch from Taipei said.

The tremors, which lasted two minutes, caused no damage.—Associated Press.

RADIO

22W Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 0.82 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.00 to 1.30, 4.30 to 5.30 and 8.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.15 p.m.—Religious Talk to Children (Studio).

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.42 p.m.—Light Variety with Dorothy Soule (Vocal).

1.00 p.m.—The Masqueraders (H.K.T.S.).

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Story "Peter Duck" by Arthur Ransome. Episode 7.

"First Night at Sea" Read by Captain Flint (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—Alvin Karp, His Singing Guitar and The Four King Sisters. Vocal.

6.59 p.m.—"See Tee" on Sport (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"News and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—Piano Recital by Serge Rachmaninoff.

7.45 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favorites. Presented by Allen Woods, (Studio).

8.05 p.m.—Royal Opera House Orchestra, Covent Garden.

8.30 p.m.—"Mersey Go-Round" Melody and Song (H.K.T.S.).

9.00 p.m.—"World and Home News (London Relay).

9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.16 p.m.—"Dangerous Corner" by J. H. Priestley. Excerpts from the Production of the Hong Kong Star Club, being presented this week at the Mission to Seamen (Studio).

Clifford Davies, Producer.

9.55 p.m.—Interlude.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music (H.K.T.S.).

10.30 p.m.—Dance to the R.A.F. Band.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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SECRET BASE IN ALASKA

Colorado, Mar. 29.
An Alaskan air base has been equipped to accommodate the United States giant B-36 bomber, the "Denver Post" said on Sunday.

The base, Eielson Field, is so situated as to serve for the launching of air attacks on any spot in the Northern Hemisphere, according to the Post.

The exact location of Eielson Field other than that it is near Fairbanks, Alaska, is a secret.—Associated Press.

TWO KILLED IN QUAKE

Sucre City, Bolivia, Mar. 29.
An earthquake was felt in this city of about 50,000 inhabitants at 1533 GMT on Sunday. First reports said that two people were killed and several injured. Many churches were damaged.—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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JUDGING BY RESULTS

Judging your partner's tactics by the results obtained is the height of something or other. Many hands depend for their outcome on factors which could never be known. In a sizeable percentage of cases, the action which ordinarily would pan out the best—in view of the facts already known—may prove disastrous. And the action which figured to be the worst possible may just happen to prove the most profitable. Players who berate their partners because of what actually develops are out of bounds on plenty of occasions.

S. None
H. A Q 2
D. A Q 4
C. K J 10 8 5 4 3
S. K 10 8 6 2
H. 6
D. 10 9 3
C. A Q 6 2
S. A J 7 5 4
H. K J 9
D. 5 4
C. K J 8
S. Q 9 3
H. 10 8 7 3
D. 7 6 5 2
C. 9 7

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable).

	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 C	1 S
Pass	3 S	4 C	4 H
Pass	4 S	5 C	Pass
Pass	Dbt		

Nobody except the North player at this particular table bid the 5-Clubs sacrifice. At all other tables in the big duplicate, East

Boeing Re-Gearing Equipment

Wichita, Kansas, Mar. 29.
The Boeing Aeroplane Company, which produces the B-29 super-fortresses, announced in a carefully worded statement today that it is reactivating its entire No. 2 plant in Wichita.

The plant called for 1,000 qualified engineers, mechanics, technicians and clerks "within the next 30 days."

The company announced that the U.S. air force would take possession of plant No. 2 on April 1. The company cautiously indicated that all the plant's huge facilities are scheduled to be in full operation "within six months."

(During the war the plant employed some 30,000 workers who built 1,600 B-29 Super-Fortresses.)

The announcement said expansion will begin immediately on an "accelerated basis" and indicated that "heavy overtime schedules will be necessary."

After the deal South berated his partner for optimism in making that sacrifice, when he saw the pair wound up "in the soup." North refused to accept the trade, and pointed out to South how little he required in South's hand to make the sacrifice bid profitable. Even the J of either red suit would have been enough to save the bid, causing the set to be only three tricks. That would have given the pair top instead of bottom. Both East and West agreed with North that failing to find even one of those jacks with South was extremely improbable, despite the bidding done.

Have you ever worked a squeeze play when you were on the defence against the declarer? If not, can you get up an example of how one might be developed?

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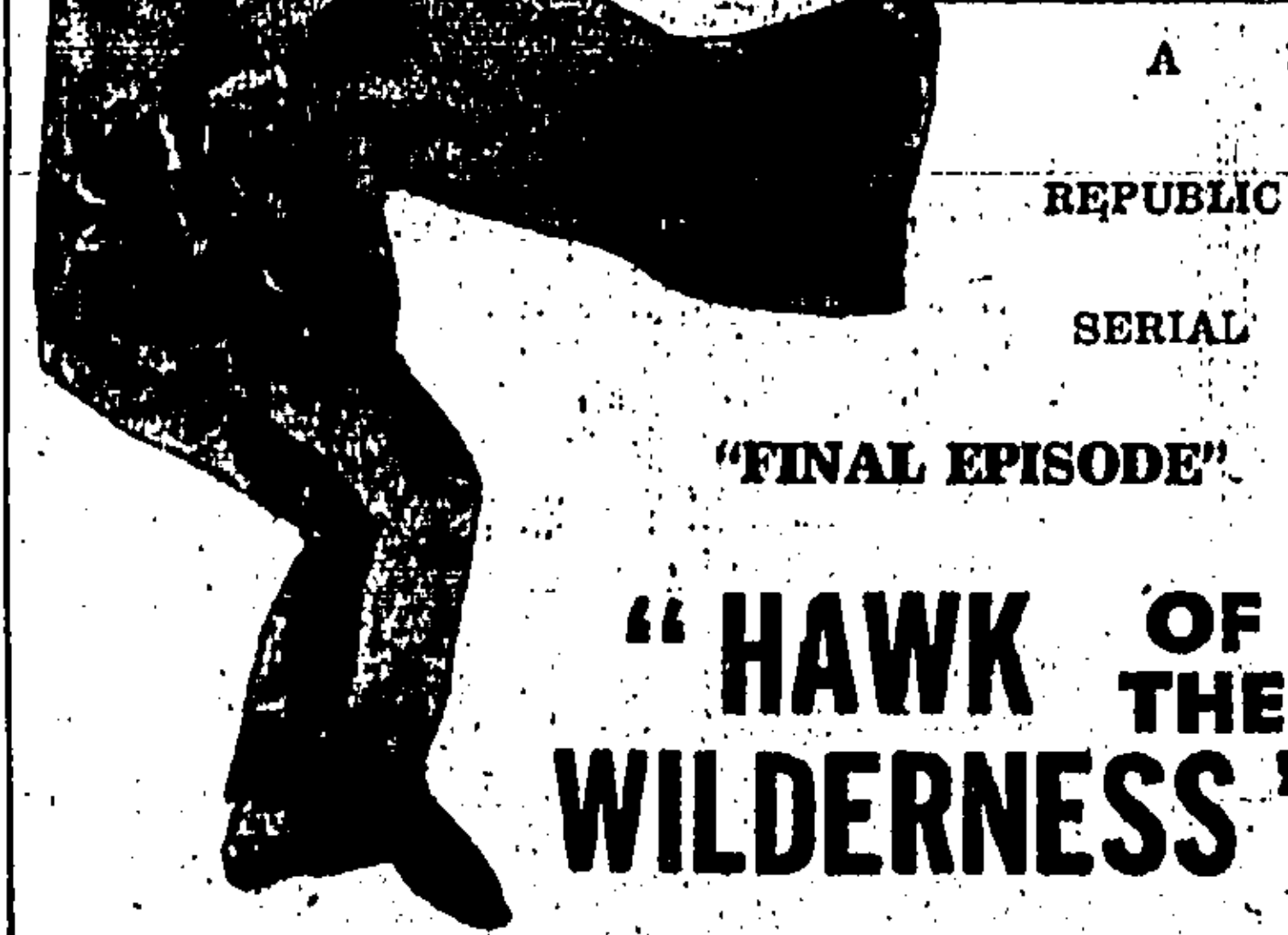
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violently when he was shot after the great raid of Muenster in 1941, seized a convent in which this sister was a nun. On another occasion he was reported to have entered his name in the guest book of some prominent club and to have written in the space for profession or business, "Night pirate." When urged to change this, he is said to have replied: "The R.A.F. fliers are always called 'night pirates' in the official communiques — isn't that what I am when I fly to England?"

The so-called "forged" letter was a document purporting to have been written to his confessor in which, it was claimed, he severely criticised the Government.

(Moelders died in an airplane accident over Breslau on November 22, 1941, and there were many rumors that his death was not accidental.)

March 4: Again there has been an assassination in Paris. A German guard was shot to death in the street.

The new military commander of 20. Communists shot immediately and threatened an additional 20 Communists and Jews, whose names are published, executed if the culprit is not found.

That's the method I proposed: if vigorous results. It will lead to fable.

Jannings [Emil Jannings, the film actor] has turned out to be little political slanderer. He claimed that an anti-Nazi demonstration had taken place in his studio.

When I had this matter looked into, it developed that he made this claim just because he was envious of a better actor.

I sent him a serious warning and made it quite clear to him that I will not tolerate him or actors who spread foolish and silly rumours.

Emil Jannings is to submit to the general national code of

to work or not as they feel inclined, and there are thousands of dyed-in-the-wool bad hats leading extremely cosy lives on the proceeds of the German Black Market.

Also, it takes a lot of faith to believe that certain of the small fry who claim that a return to their homes would be equivalent to suicide have really very much reason to be frightened. Privileged life in Germany may well be more exciting than insecurity at home.

The Good Core

All the same, there are in the camps a huge number of remarkably fine people whose reasons for waiting are beyond reproach and who would be an asset to any community lucky enough to get them.

The Baltic peoples have an especially good record—gay, decent, and industrious.

And it is hard work to keep those qualities in a D.P. camp. Life there does nobody any good. The future is tricky, the past a nightmare, and the present something of a mess.

... moral law, and if he doesn't do that, he will suffer the consequences.

Renault Raid

March 18: The bomb raid on Paris [Renault factory] is the most sensational event of the day.

Its extent was far greater than at first imagined. The number of casualties is given differently by different sources, but it is certain that there are at least 600 dead and several thousand injured.

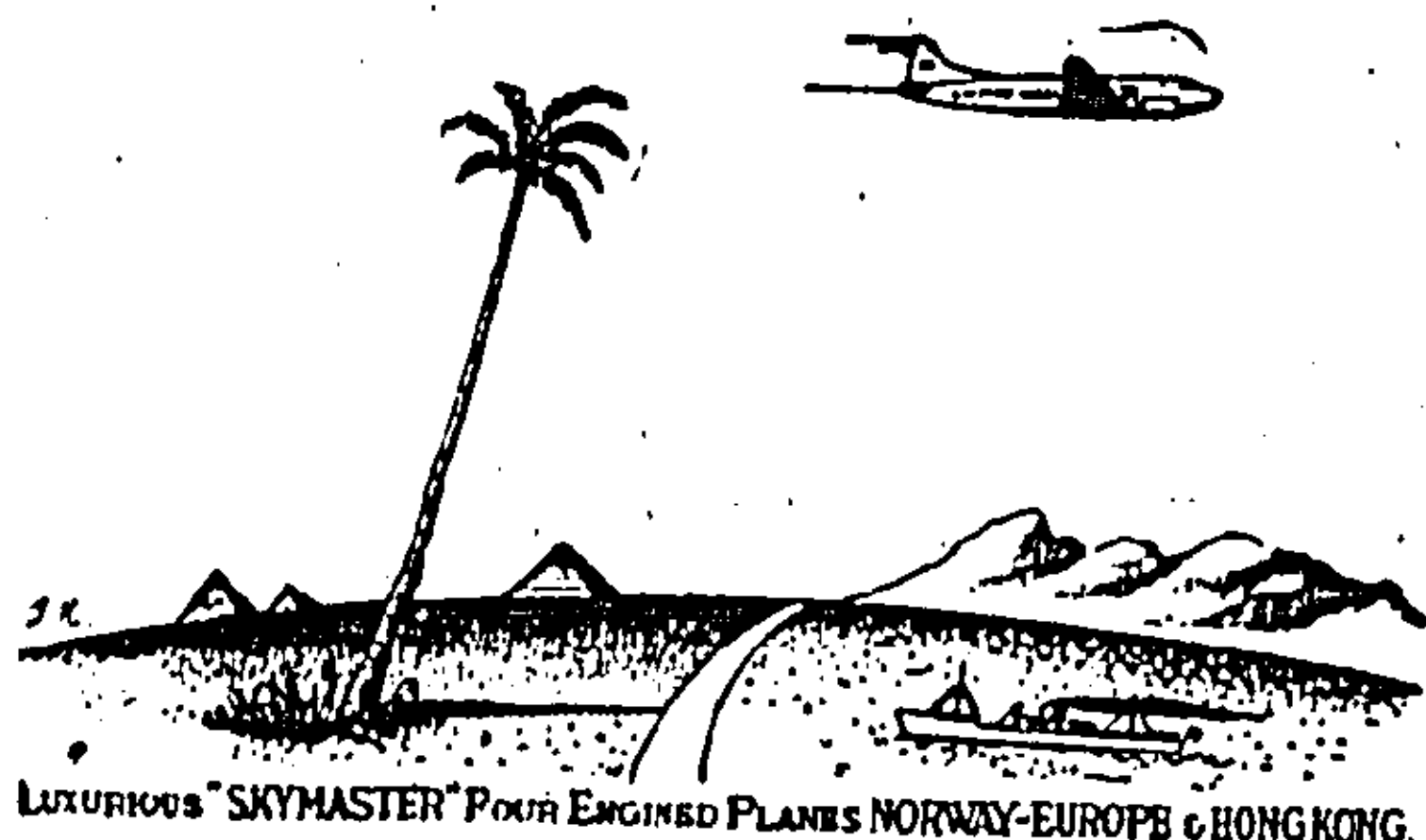
There is even talk of 1,000 dead and several thousand injured.

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Stockholm, Mar. 28.

Faced with the recent deterioration in the international situation generally and in particular with the Soviet Union's moves to bring Finland firmly within her orbit, Sweden is taking measures to strengthen her defences with a sense of urgency.

After the recent demand of General Helge Jung, the Commander-in-Chief, for the call-up of more supplies of war materials and ammunition, and for the building of new fortifications and new airfields, M. Allan Vougt, the Minister of Defence, has now agreed to a five-year plan for the development of the Swedish Air Force.

Under the plan, the personnel of the Air Force is to be doubled.

It also provides for the doubling of the day-fighter force, and for the addition of a night-fighter wing, an attack wing and a reconnaissance squadron at a total cost of 75 million kroner a year.

The Swedish Air Force has hitherto lacked night fighter planes and pilots; but the training of such pilots has already been started in Moscow.

Guided Missiles
M. Vougt confirmed that experiments with guided missiles have been going on in Sweden for some time. But he refused to give any details, although he disclosed that a special agency has been set up coordinating the activities of all three services in this field.

While no details are known of the scope of this agency's task, its formation is taken to indicate an intensification of the research into the use of and defence against guided missiles of all kinds.

It is widely held here that if Sweden's defence problem is to be solved definitely, strategic considerations involving the question of Sweden's, and for that matter, the whole of Scandinavia's, foreign political situation, must be taken into account. This raises the question of neutrality or adhesion to one of the big power blocs—that is, in effect, the Western bloc, since only the Communists favour collaboration with Russia.

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European Colonies Issue

Bogota, Mar. 28.
Dr. Juan Atilio Bramuglia, Argentine Foreign Minister, said in Lima he thought the question of European colonies in the Americas would be discussed at a special conference at which only interested countries would be represented.

Dr. Bramuglia and General Armando Revoredo, Peruvian Foreign Minister, arrived here from Lima yesterday for the Pan-American Conference opening on Tuesday.

Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, is expected tomorrow. Colonial questions expected to be aired at the Pan-American Conference include the Guatemalan and Mexican claims on British Honduras, the Venezuelan claims on British Guiana, and Argentina's claim on the British colony of the Falkland Islands, as well as the overlapping claims of Britain, the Argentine and Chile in the Antarctic.—Reuter.

F.B.I. In Coalfields

Washington, Mar. 28.
Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were ordered into the coalfields today on the eve of a possible new showdown between John L. Lewis and the Federal Government.

The agents were sent into the coalfields to see that no Federal law violations were involved in the two-week-old soft coal strike. While the FBI is officially silent, it is believed the agents might also be building up evidence that might be necessary to obtain an injunction to halt a walkout.

A new showdown between Lewis, head of the striking United Mine Workers, and the Administration was set for tomorrow. He was given until then to say whether he would voluntarily appear to tell President Truman's fact-finding board his side of the pension dispute.—United Press.

In the three kingdoms, especially among the Conservatives and Liberals, declare that, ideologically, Scandinavia has already taken up her position at the side of the democracies.

Economically, Sweden belongs to the West, and militarily, her only chance of survival lies in securing the support of the Western powers.

These circles believe that if Scandinavia does not soon decide for herself, others will decide for her.

The Soviet Union, knowing that her timetable has been upset, has started a race against the new policy of the Western powers as defined by President Truman, Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, and Mr. Ernest Bevin. Continued Soviet expansion is by no means unlikely, they say.

Norway Rumours

They point to three potential sources of danger:

1.—The Finnish delegation, which is in Moscow to discuss the proposed friendship and mutual assistance pact with Russia, is known to include members who are prepared to run the risk of bringing the Finnish question to the United Nations if Moscow should prove totally unwilling to yield on any points in her proposal.

Such a step might have serious repercussions, not only for Finland alone, but also for the whole of Scandinavia.

2.—Rumours of a Russian offer to Norway of a pact similar to that proposed to Finland are persistently cropping up. In spite of repeated denial by M. Halvard Lange, the Norwegian Foreign Minister.

A Russian approach of this kind to Norway, sooner or later, would, however, seem quite likely in view of the strategic importance to Russia of Spitzbergen and Northern Norway, with its port of Narvik.

3.—Owing to the election campaign, the United States may be rendered more or less incapable of taking decisive action for several months. During this time, Russia is likely to go all out to strengthen and extend her position in various directions, of which one may very well be Scandinavia.—Reuter.

Big 3 Meeting To Outlaw War?

London, Mar. 28.

The newspaper Sunday Graphic today reported that the Prime Minister (Mr. Clement Attlee), President Truman and Generalissimo Josef Stalin would probably meet in Berlin in June to "draw up a plan to outlaw war".

The paper said Mr. Truman and Mr. Attlee would like to have such a meeting in Berlin, while Stalin preferred Moscow.

It added that Stalin would insist that plans for the Western European Union of nations be stopped.—United Press.

Western Powers Accused Of 'Burying' Council

Moscow, Mar. 29.

Pravda charged today in a Radio Moscow broadcast that the Western powers would destroy the Council of Foreign Ministers, "just as they are destroying and burying" the Allied Control Council in Berlin.

The commentator, Zhukov, said the Council was being preserved "for the time being" as a pretence at four-power administration, in order that the Western powers may gain certain advantages.

"It is with them that responsibility rests for all the consequences of such a policy," Pravda said.

It charged the Western powers with splitting Germany in a secret London conference and then preparing for a "separatist conference" of the three Western Foreign Ministers.

"These reports show that representatives of the Western powers intend to destroy and bury the Council of Foreign Ministers just as they are destroying and burying the Control Council. And after this Marshall has the nerve to assert that the United States 'does not share' the desire to relinquish efforts to reach agreement among the four powers regarding policy for Germany."

"Murder Will Out"

"Murder will out," Marshall by his statement only confirmed that if American ruling circles still want to preserve the Control Council for the time being as a pretence at four-power administration of Germany, this is exclusively because existence of such a formal pretence presents certain advantages to them. This is realized perfectly well by all those who still are able to see the facts and to draw conclusions from them.

"Neither American propaganda nor Marshall himself will succeed in misleading world opinion. It is they who are destroying the Control Council and burying it. It is with them that the responsibility rests for all the consequences of such a policy."—United Press.

Booby-Trap Explodes Two Years After War

Manila, Mar. 29.

Twenty-one men were killed when a Japanese booby trap exploded inside the so-called Navy Tunnel on Corregidor on Saturday, blowing them to bits, the Philippines Army said today.

Among the dead were 15 Philippine Army enlisted men and six civilian labourers.

One other soldier was slightly injured and is suffering from shock.

Brigadier General Calixto Duque, Deputy Army Chief of Staff, said the men were not authorized to enter the tunnel, which had been sealed since the Americans retook the island three years ago.

Navy Tunnel is adjacent to the famous Malinta Tunnel and was used during the 1942 siege by U.S. Navy personnel on the island.

The blast took place about 1.8 miles from Malinta tunnel's main passageway on the battered rock.

One blast came from the entrance of the formerly sealed Navy Tunnel and the other two blasts from an air vent in the tunnel.—Associated Press.

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Woman Today

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

Standing at a crowded reception last week chatting of this and that, I suddenly felt someone tugging at my skirt.

I looked down half expecting to find a child trying to attract attention—and discovered that a fashion-conscious colleague was measuring my hem!

I don't know how it is in your part of the world, but you can't move in the Home Counties without hearing violent arguments over the New Look. I must say I'm getting pretty sick of them.

The longer skirt is here, let's face it, it has been for some time. The same is true of the nipped-in waist and rounded shoulder-line. In America they've rightly dropped the "New"; they just call it the Look. You'd think that after all these austere years, no one would grudge us this small token of pleasure. Things to come (I'm not thinking now of bustles, satin booties, and similar eccentricities. They're obviously for a minority which doesn't count.) Opposition to the Look seems to be led by women M.P.s. Isn't

it odd that these leaders of emancipation should be such die-hard dowdies in matters of dress?

World Worker

If it is really so unpatriotic to like pretty new clothes, if the Look is such a shocking waste of

not yet be used to the softer silhouette. Perfectly adequate arguments for clinging to your old clothes; but don't let anyone persuade you that it's wanton to cover the sort of clothes they're wearing in the other cities of the world.

On the following day I was hidden to a buffet lunch to cele-

brate the first birthday of Easy Goers shoes. Easy Goers, in case you didn't know—didn't—were light, casual playshoes intended primarily for younger women.

The first mannequin was a recklessly rouged young woman with short straight skirt, a jumper with the waistline round her hips and a pudding-basin cloche upon her head.

She wore drab open-mesh stockings and the appropriate 1948 slipper: beige, glass, kid with Louis heels and a winkle-picker toes. You should have heard the squeals and giggles she evoked.

The 1948 shoes had low wedge heels, open toes, and would look very good with sun suits, slacks, and any sports attire. Prices ranged from 47s. 6d. to 57s.

Mae West
On Thursday Mae West cut a piece of tape in Berkeley-square and thereby opened the "Most Elegant Hair and Beauty Salon in Europe."

The description—I don't think anyone will query it—originated from the presiding genius, a small, smiling gentleman who calls himself Riche.

The Most Elegant Salon has hats, bags, and perfume on sale on the ground floor as you go in. Having made your choice, you step upstairs and get a hair style to go with them.

Prices are pretty much what you'd expect in the West End, with an ordinary shampoo and set for 10s. 6d. and a tantalising treatment which includes a foam bath, body massage, facial with pack, hair-styling with cream shampoo, and manucure for three guineas.

I said earlier that they sell perfume on the ground floor. Mrs. Riche explains with awe that when Jean Patou came over from Paris recently he said to her in horror: "One doesn't sell perfume, one presents it."

Hats For Hire
Another Parisian, the Comtesse de la Moissoniere, recently launched a scheme for hiring

Party Games
Here are games that the children will like:
Place a series of objects, as boxes, brooms, bottles, on a level piece of land. Call for three volunteers to walk blindfolded across this area without touching them. After they are blindfolded, remove all the objects, leaving the way clear. The rest of the children will be greatly entertained by the high-stepping antics of the blindfolded ones.

If you have a large garden, this game is great fun. Two children are chosen as "hares" and are given a large bag of peanuts or sweets wrapped in paper. They are given five or ten minutes' start to rush off and hide, laying a trail to their "burrow" or hidey-hole. They can lay false trails if they like, but must lay a true one eventually. The "hounds" set off in pairs to hunt them. The first pair to discover the "hares" receive a prize, or become the next "hares."

Sally Gray shows off the clever pleating and clear-cut lines of a "treasure" blouse with check-stitching.

duced by means of panniers over an underskirt, to which the designer has given the name of "shawlwa skirt" and uses both for formal day and evening wear. Jackets may be short and closely moulded to the figure with a very flared peplum to balance the full skirt; or semi-fitted and thigh-length. With narrow skirts, jackets tend to become more complicated, more suggestive of the top of a dress. In one case where a raglan cut sleeve is used the closure is cut diagonally to finish beneath the left arm, while the curved fronts follow the same diagonal line. An important revival is the fitted bolero worn over a closely moulded bodice, or elaborate blouse, and above a full skirt.

kind—and removed then the crying should cease.
There are various types of crying—the hunger cry, the fretful cry, the spilt-cry, the cry of pain, etc.—and it is important to learn to distinguish between

STAINED FINGERTIPS

Tobacco-stained hands are inexcusable—particularly on a woman. Ordinary polish remover makes an efficient cleanser, or chlorax from the laundry helps efface the discolouration.

Follow with hand lotion or cream.
Lemon juice is a mild bleach, and drying the hands with a little uncooked oatmeal occasionally will make them smoother and whiter.

Feminine Make-Up Trend

All that is newest in dressing and toilet cases will be on view at the British Industries Fair, which opens simultaneously in London and Birmingham on May 3 next. The exhibits, combining the latest innovations with traditional beauty, will reflect the modern feminine make-up trends. Well to the forefront of additions to the dressing and toilet case equipment—a welcome "wet box" designed to provide a safe resting place for the sponge now used in the application of liquid make-up.

The "wet box" will also appeal, as an invaluable aid, to those women who do not use liquid make-up, but who have often felt the need for a handy receptacle for damp face-cloths.

Another important feature, embodied in a handsome case by Asprey's of Bond Street, London, is a "lift-up standard" which permits the entire contents of the case to be removed in one motion and rested on a dressing table. In providing this useful innovation, the makers have not overlooked beauty, as is testified by the rich chestnut crocodile cover and the engine-turned silver-gilt and cut glass fittings.

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ARABS TAKE TOLL OF JEWS

Over 60 Killed In Pitched Battles
Rescue Of Survivors By
British Troops & Police

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.

In the most violent outbreaks since the announcement of the intention to partition Palestine, Jews and Arabs in the past 24 hours fought armed actions amounting to veritable pitched battles at two places in Palestine.

The latest official reports said 42 Jews were killed at Kabiri, in Northern Palestine, while nearly 20 Jews were slain by Arabs at King Solomon's Pool, six miles south of Jerusalem.
The official report on the Kabiri incident said a six-vehicle convoy was ambushed last night by 250 Arabs.

At King Solomon's Pool, an estimated 1,200 Arabs besieged a number of Jewish survivors from an armed convoy, also attacked last night.

After daylight fighting, the Jews, who had taken up positions in a house one mile south of Bethlehem, with the Arabs entrenched around it, a truce was arranged this evening by the British military headquarters.

Almost 100 Haganah men and 10 Jewish women were rescued alive by the Army just 24 hours after they had escaped from the big convoy, trapped and destroyed on the road.

Inside the house, when troops of the Suffolk Regiment forced their way through the strong Arab road blocks, were four dead Jews and 45 wounded, and on the roadway were the bodies of other Jews.

"We obtained water from a well at the house."

The correspondent went in with the Army, but although a truce had been reported, there was considerable rifle and machine-gun fire as columns of troops in full battle kit, backed by armoured cars and Bren carriers, reached the two-storey stone house, pitted with many hundreds of bullets.

The Jews in the house had suffered about 50 per cent casualties. Forty-five wounded lay crowded on both floors. There were also the bodies of the four dead.

The Jews had been in constant radio contact with the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and were told the terms of the truce were that their arms must be surrendered.

At first they refused, fearing attacks by the hundreds of watching Arabs.

Hopeless Position

The Jewish Agency, however, accepted the surrender terms to save the lives of the besieged Jews, who were hopelessly trapped and out-numbered. Ammunition was running out.

The Jewish planes, which had dropped anti-personnel bombs, also dropped supplies of food and ammunition to enable the beleaguered defenders to hold out, but they never reached the trapped Jews as they fell or the Arab lines.

After assurances of protection from the Army, the Jews turned over their arms and were then loaded into five Army three-ton lorries and escorted to Jerusalem—(which they had left at dawn yesterday when the convoy set out for the Jewish settlement of Kfar E Zion without notifying the British security forces.

It reached its destination, safely escorted by two Jewish aircraft but was attacked on the return journey, when the escort planes had flown off.

When the British troops took up positions around the house, a small group of unshaven battle-scarred Haganah men with rifles and Sten guns appeared cautiously in the bullet-pitted doorway. Firing from the Arab lines stopped as Arab riflemen streamed down from the hills surrounding the house, but they were kept at a distance as the Haganah men clambered on the lorries which took them to Jerusalem.

10 Women

According to a Haganah leader, the Jews started out with 35

RED INVITE TO SIAM

Singapore, Mar. 28.

The Bangkok correspondent of the Sunday Times reported today that Russia has invited the Siamese Defence Ministry to send officers to the Soviet Union for training.

The despatch said the invitation was extended last week by the Soviet Minister to Siam—Associated Press.

Lorries and 14 armoured cars. "We had about 10 women among us in the house but none of them were hurt, although bullets were whizzing all night long and causing mounting casualties. We had only seven or eight of our lorries which had managed to reach the house, and we formed them into a protective barricade. We are now left with seven or eight lorries and about six armoured cars, the rest being wrecked by the Arabs."

Asked if the Jews would have been able to hold out much longer, he said: "We should not have been able to get out."

It is understood that three of the armoured cars managed to double back to Kfar E Zion at the beginning of the attack, which littered several miles of the road with burned-out and overturned vehicles and a dozen charred bodies.

Following the attack at Kabiri, the burnt-out shells of five Jewish vehicles were found by British troops and police on the Northern Palestine road.

The Jewish column, escorted by a single armoured car, attacked by Arabs using two-inch mortars and light machine guns, an hour before sunset last night.

Britons Killed

Later, a British flying column was rushed into action, but failed to reach the beleaguered Jews. Troops of the Royal Artillery regiment then opened up with 12 and 25 pound high explosive shells, and the Arabs withdrew.

While the siege of the Haganah convoy survivors, there were bursts of rifle fire in Jerusalem which led to two fatal British casualties, one a non-commissioned officer and the other a woman, Miss Mildred E. Marston, who was on her way to Easter service at St. George's Anglican Cathedral.

Miss Marston was reported to be a British clergyman's daughter. She was shot dead by a sniper, it is believed.

An officer and six other ranks were wounded in the Old Walled City of Jerusalem today, bringing the total British casualties to nine in the fighting which flared up today.

According to official sources, the Arabs, in their twin blows

MONTY STODGY AND DRY!

New York, Mar. 28.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery was accused by critics today of ungenerous treatment of other Allied commanding generals in his book "Normandy to the Baltic."

The book, which has just been published here, was criticised by reviewers in the New York Herald Tribune and the New York Times as "not particularly illuminating" and a "stodgy, dry as dust, narrative."

The Herald Tribune reviewer, Walter Mills, said: "It will certainly pour no oil upon the already raging sea of inter-Allied controversy over who won the war and how."

Mills said the book made it "crispy clear" that it was Lord Montgomery who planned, organised and led the Normandy invasion, and who designed and ordered the strategic moves. "Eisenhower is only a distant shadow in all these brilliant operations. Bradley and Patton (American generals) appear only in the most casual way in their role of capable subordinates, while poor Dempsey and Crerar (British and Canadian Army commanders) barely appear at all."

"The troops from whom Monty must have got some help are now and then tersely complimented for their gallantry, but, in the main, appear as pawns on a military chess board moved by strategy and logic. Seldom is there even a mention of their casualties."—Reuter.

Singapore Expels Leftist

Singapore, Mar. 28.

British Immigration authorities hustled a 28-year-old Yugoslav magazine editor out of this Crown Colony on Saturday less than 24 hours after he arrived.

Dusan Puhalo, editor of the Belgrade magazine Youth, arrived by air on Friday from Rangoon. Immigration authorities told Puhalo to leave in the next plane. The government obtained a plane passage on Saturday for Calcutta.

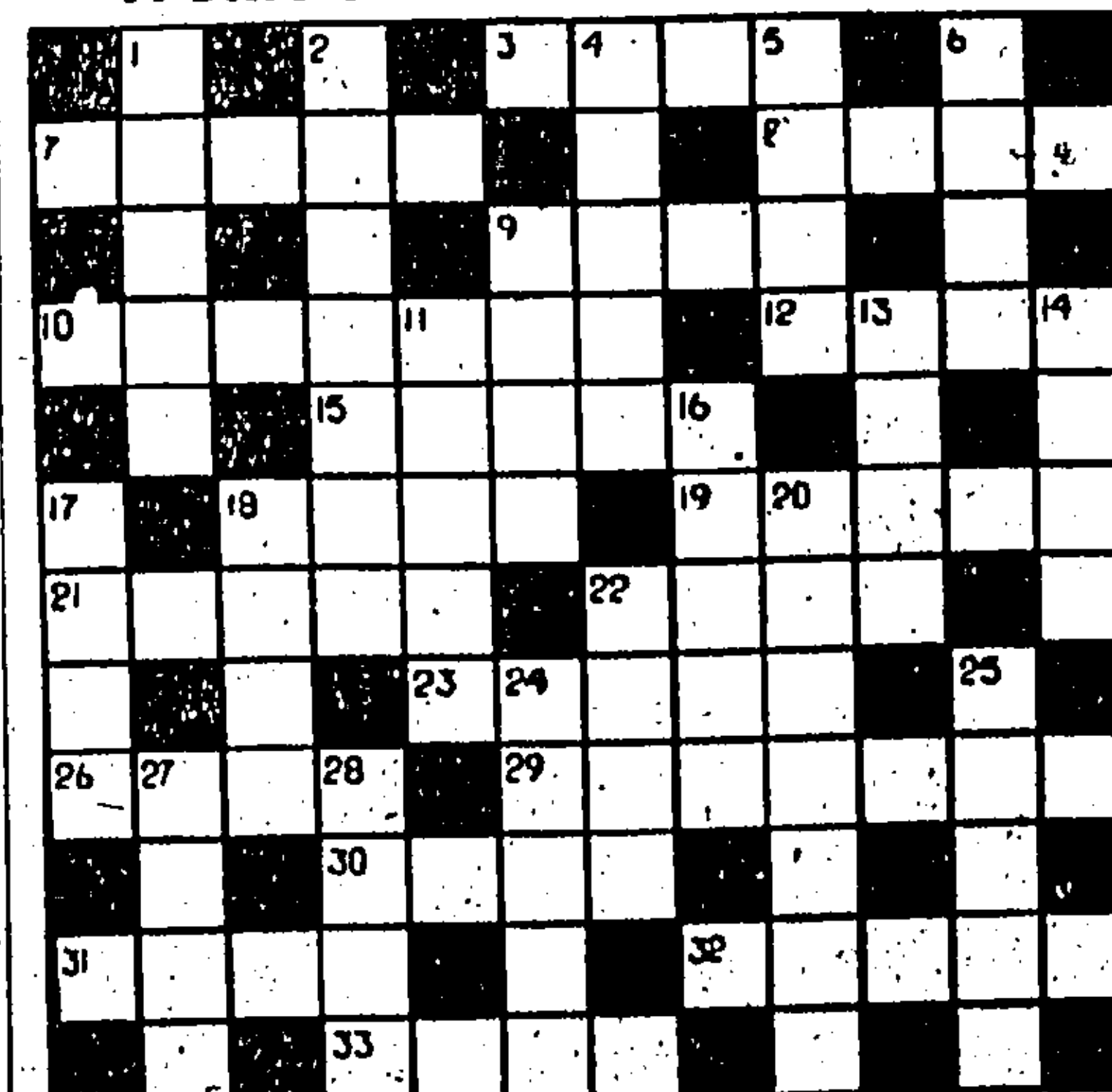
Puhalo addressed a meeting of Left Wing organisations before leaving.

No official statement was made as to why Puhalo was asked to go.—Associated Press.

against Jewish road communications in Palestine over the weekend, killed nearly 60 Jews, wounded nearly 70 and lost nine killed and 21 wounded.

Meanwhile, Reuters correspondent at Tel Aviv reported that a Jewish illegal immigrant ship, carrying 800 Jews, was intercepted by the Royal Navy off the Palestine coast today. The ship, named the "Yechiam," after a dead member of the Haganah, proceeded to Haifa.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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- Swift.
- Bois.
- Wash.
- Restricted.
- Tale.
- Muscle.
- Saucy.
- Nomads.
- Near.
- Assert.
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- Instructs.
- Very old.
- Gloomy.
- Benefit.
- Beak.

Clues Down

- Tarlin.
- Edits.
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- Learned.
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"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent	1st May
"CANTON"	London via Straits	15th May
"TREVEAN"	Colombo, Bombay & Port Said	15th May
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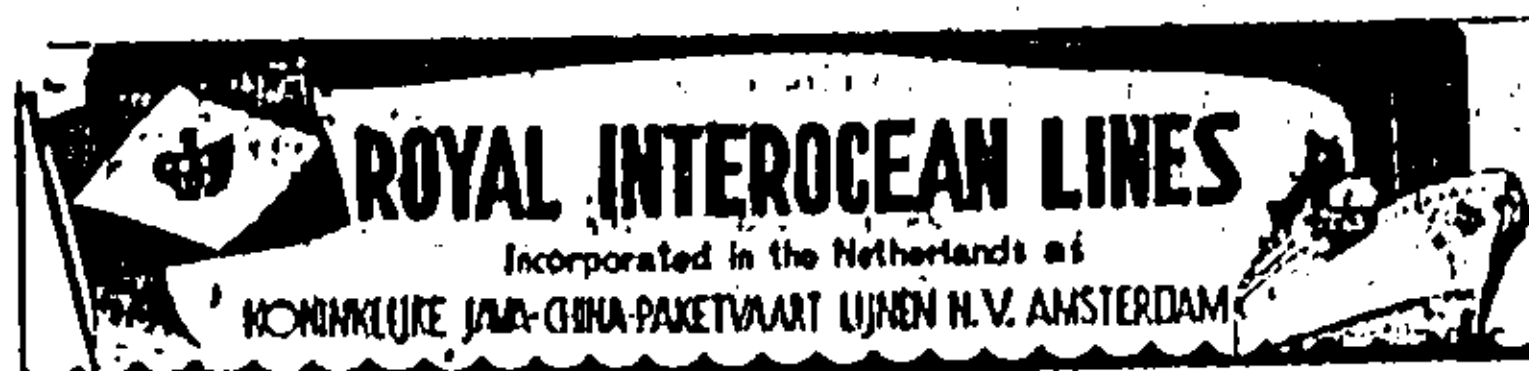
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"RIDDERKERK"	Europe, early May	Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo early June.

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WORLD RUBBER SUPPLIES To Be Discussed By Washington Meeting

Prospects Of Oil In Japan

Washington, Mar. 28. American experts believe Japan should launch a new search for oil.

The proposal is suggested in a survey of the nation's resources as a possible means of helping restore its business.

"Japanese oil drilling methods and equipment are modern, but their exploration is subject to criticism," a group of U.S. engineers reported to the U.S. Army Department which is directing the restoration of Japanese economy.

"We believe that a modern geophysical survey should be made and that the future policy of Japan with respect to refineries should be based upon its findings," the engineers told the Army.

The Japanese oil industry is producing about 3,600 barrels a day from 4,000 wells, the Americans found. The refineries, they said, can handle 2,000,870 barrels daily, but are "wasteful and inefficient."

The investigators proposed that Japan cease refining oil and export all crude to the more efficient refineries in the Dutch East Indies.

They recommended that Japan import all needed petroleum products.

"Under existing circumstances it would be more economical for Japan to sell its crude oil... then to continue its present wasteful practices," the investigators stated.

"In fact, we believe that a barrel of crude oil in Japan today could be exchanged for imported refined products having a greater value than refined products which could be produced from this same barrel of oil, if processed in present Japanese refineries."

"All Japanese refineries should be scrapped; they are so inefficient," the report said, adding, "They have no value for reparations."—Associated Press.

U.S. Business Cautious

New York, Mar. 29. Extreme caution rules current business decisions, a survey of purchasing agents showed today.

This was attributed by the Business Survey Committee of the National Association of Purchasing Agents to "two new disturbing elements—war talk and coal strikes—added to the uncertainty of the aid to Europe plan."

Production and sales would remain in good volume for several months at least, it estimated, if these disruptive conditions could be speedily eliminated.—Associated Press.

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Talk Of Increase In Production

Washington, Mar. 28.

Delegates from at least a dozen countries will meet in Washington on April 26 to study world rubber supplies and needs.

A major task will be to arrive at an accurate estimate of production of natural rubber and synthetic rubber throughout the world.

With that figure determined the group is expected to work on these further questions:

- 1—What are the probable world needs for rubber—both natural and synthetic—during the next year.
- 2—How much can be made available for stockpiling to meet shortages that might result in the future.
- 3—What steps can be taken to increase both production and consumption of rubber of all types.

The Fifth.

The conference also is expected to discuss creation of permanent headquarters. If approved such headquarters probably would be located in London.

Held under guidance of officials of the United States State Department, the meeting will be the fifth of its kind since 1944. Only the United States, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom participated in the first meeting in Washington in that year. France joined those nations at the next two meetings of the international rubber study conference in London in 1945 and The Hague in 1946. At the latter meeting, however, it was decided to invite all members of the UN to join the study group.

As a result of this decision, 28 nations with major interest in the production and consumption of rubber participated in the 1946 discussions in Paris.

The list of countries expected to send delegates—or at least observers—to the 1948 meeting here was not disclosed.

Higher Production

It is certain to include, however, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, the Malay States, United States and France as well as a number of other countries in which rubber production is of major importance.

Men engaged in making plans for the five-day meeting beginning April 26 say it will be conducted on an informal basis with discussions centering around "mutual rubber problems."

A formal agenda has not yet been determined.

One subject certain to be discussed is increasing production. This has been talked over at most previous meetings. As a companion subject it is likely the group will study goods supplies in rubber-producing areas to help raise production tonnages.—Associated Press.

U.S. Arms Programme

Cleveland, Mar. 29.

The Armed Services are likely to begin heavy purchases of steel by midsummer under the new armament programme, the magazine "Steel" reported.

Though there has been little new military buying to date, the magazine said, some "feeler" inquiries for armor plate and special steels already have been received.

"Developments with regard to national defence are being closely watched," Steel said. "Heavy procurement programmes of the armed services are likely for the next few years, with production for military needs being stipulated before that period begins on July 1."

Looking at the coal mine hiccup, the magazine forecast a possible drop in input output to below 60 percent of capacity if the stoppage continues for another two weeks.—Associated Press.

Return To Gold Money Advocated

New York, Mar. 28.

Forty-two members of an economists group today urged return to a gold money system.

They supported a bill in the House which would allow citizens to own gold coins and make paper money redeemable in gold coins.

They said that the present system helps depreciate purchasing power of the dollar.

The 42 belong to the Economists National Committee on Monetary Policy. This Committee is made up of University and business economists. It was formed in 1933 after the Roosevelt Administration had devalued the dollar and taken other new fiscal steps.—Associated Press.

Pakistan's Currency

Karachi, Mar. 28.

Pakistan will start issuing her own currency next Thursday, April 1, the Pakistan Ministry of Finance announced here today.

"According to all the economic and other factors governing the value of currencies, our Pakistan currency promises to be one of the strongest currencies of the world," the announcement said.

The announcement disclosed: "It is not intended, at least for some time, to impose any restriction on the transfer of funds between India and Pakistan."

"Similarly, it is not proposed to establish exchange control."

"India notes will remain legal tender in Pakistan for a specified period, to be announced in due course."—Reuters.

RIOTING IN INDIA

Bombay, Mar. 28.

Provincial Minister Morarji Desai has left for Godhra, 250 miles from Bombay, where seven were killed in Hindu-Muslim rioting, according to an official communique.

The riots began four days ago. Fire engines from Bombay and Baroda rushed to Godhra to deal with several cases of incendiarism.

Additional police and troops from Ahmedabad are dealing with the rioting which the National Standard correspondent said is spreading to neighbouring hamlets. Godhra people are fleeing to Dohad, also on the Delhi-Bombay, railroad route.—Associated Press.

ORLANDO GETS OBJECTIVE

Rome, Mar. 28.

Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, Italy's World War I Premier, said today that the Communists had little chance of getting into the Italian Government legally in the April 18 elections.

Orlando, who will be 88 in May, is the oldest survivor of the 1918-19 Prime Ministers who attended the Versailles peace conference. He said he was not making a bombshell political prediction. Instead, he is giving his interpretation of the present Italian political scene "as probably the only objective observer left."—United Press.

Merchant Marine For Japs.

Washington, Mar. 29.

American experts believe Japan should have a merchant fleet totalling 4,000,000 tons. They also feel that if Japan is to have a balanced economy, she should be able to build 400,000 tons of ships annually to provide replacements.

These proposals are under survey by Under-Secretary of the Army William H. Draper, who is in Japan with a party of economic experts.

They are trying to arrive at final conclusions about the dimensions of the economic structure to be allowed Japan after the peace treaty is written.

The shipping proposals were made by a group of American engineers who called themselves Overseas Consultants Incorporated.

In addition to suggesting the size of Japan's commercial fleet and shipbuilding facilities, the group proposed that the Japanese should have drydocking facilities to service a minimum fleet of 4,000,000 tons.—Associated Press.

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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals From:

Poole via Bangkok

Mar. 31, BOAC (Capt. Allen),

2 p.m.

Manila

Mar. 30, Cathay Pacific, 12.30

p.m.

Mar. 30, Philippine Airlines, 10 a.m.

Mar. 31, Pan-American, 12.45

p.m.

Shanghai

Mar. 31, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon

Mar. 31, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

April 1, Pan-American, 4.45

p.m.

Canton

H.K. Airways, four times

daily: 10.55 a.m., 1.05 p.m., 3.35

p.m., 5.55 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok

Mar. 31, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

April 1, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

April 7, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,

Manila)

Mar. 31, Pan-American, 12.45

p.m.

April 3, Pan-American, 12.45

p.m.

San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,

Okinawa, Shanghai)

April 1, Pan-American, 4.15

p.m.

April 3, Pan-American, 4.45

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Departures To:

Poole via Bangkok

Mar. 31, BOAC (Capt. Forster),

8 a.m.

Manila

Mar. 31, Philippine Airlines, 1

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April 1, Cathay Pacific, 2.30

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Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.

Mar. 30, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Mar. 30, Philippine Airlines, 11

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Canton

H.K. Airways, four times

daily: 9 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 1.40

p.m., 4 p.m.

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April 1, BOAC, 6.30 a.m.

San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,

Manila)

April 1, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco

(Via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam,

Honolulu)

April 2, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

April 3, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.

(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Hongkong, Calcutta,

Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo, (Nairobi),

Johannesburg and Melbourne via Calcutta,

Augusta and London, Kowloon G.P.O.,

(Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m. G.P.O.,

(Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, Surabaya,

Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 3

p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foo-

chow: Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking,

Hankow, Tientsin and Beijing: Airmail

for Swatow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30

p.m.

Closing Times by Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekai, 8 a.m.

Shanghai, 10 a.m.

Swatow, 1 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekai, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekai, 4 p.m.

Kowloon, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Manila, P.I., Honolulu,

U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 11 a.m.

(Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Japan (Ord.) Letters and

Ordinary Mail, 1.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Luchow and Yan-

ming: Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nan-

king, Hankow, Tientsin and Beijing: Airmail

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Canton, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekai, 4 p.m.

Kowloon, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Chong Kai (C.M.S.N.), 999-ton, from

Yokohama, (U.S.S.), 10.15 a.m.

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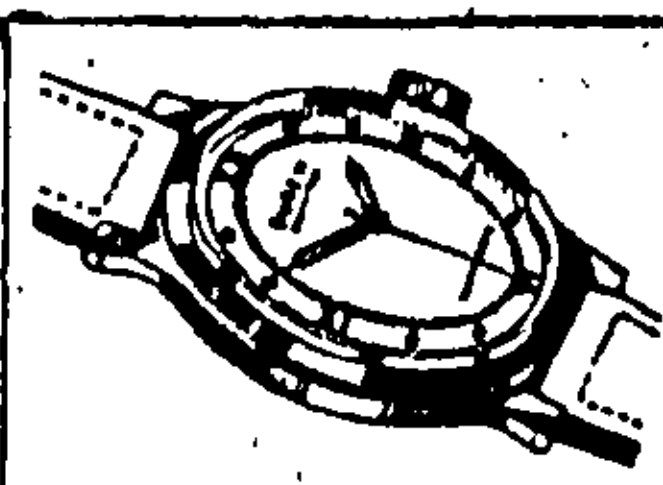
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Hey-Day For Punters Dividends On The Low Side

Brilliant sunshine, keen racing, occasional upsets, and a bigger-than-average attendance yesterday brought to a fitting conclusion the two-day Easter Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club which opened on Saturday.

It was another hey-day for punters as the majority of the "dead certs" proved worthy of the confidence reposed in them. Dividends were, consequently, on the low side, with \$72, paid by "Ding How" (E. A. Brodie), the highest and \$6.10, paid by "Norse Queen" (Donald Black), the lowest for the day.

Mr. R. Johannessen's 1947 Champion pony, "Norse Queen," annexed another Cup for its owner when, splendidly handled by Donald Black, she ran, on short rein, first past the Winning Post in the Sassoon Challenge Cup event.

This race attracted only three starters—"Daisy Bell" (V. V. Needs), "Fifth Alarm" (A. Ostrumoff), and "Norse Queen." "Fifth Alarm" took the lead from the start, followed by "Norse Queen," and maintained it to the Rock when Black allowed his mount to draw abreast of the leader.

Coming down the incline, "Fifth Alarm" again took the lead with the ultimate winner close on its heels, and "Daisy Bell" lying near the rails. Opposite the Public Stands, Black once more gave the Champion her head until she was past "Fifth Alarm," and then held her to a half-length lead right up to the Judges' Box.

The Cup, which was presented by Sir Victor Sassoon in memory of the late Mr. D. E. Sassoon, was handed to Mr. and Mrs. Johannessen by Mrs. H. G. Sheldon.

In the second race—Hungham Stakes, first section—E. A. Brodie gave a wonderful display of horsemanship when he piloted "Ding How" (which punters, for some reason, decided to overlook) first past the Winning Post. "Gino Marshall" (S. C. Liang) made a belated attempt to overtake the leader opposite the Members Enclosure but was beaten by a short head, by "Seafire" (B. L. Tai) a neck behind.

After many failures, "Hadar" (Peter Young) at last managed to catch the Judges' eyes first when it beat "Argus II" to the post in the Shamshuiho Stakes, second section, to pay \$60 for a win ticket.

A Real Jinx
"Topsail" (K. Kwok), the second favourite, was unplaced, while "Grey Lady" (W. K. Shieh) was a poor third. "Jinx" (G. O. Jones) proved a regular jinx to its supporters for, at the starting post, it dismounted its jockey twice and had to be withdrawn from the race.

A. Ostrumoff had an armchair ride on "Pleasant" in the Hungham Stakes, second section, when that pony, taking the lead from the very start, romped home six lengths in front of "The Dingy" (R. K. C. Chui) with "V-E Day" (W. K. Shieh) another five lengths behind.

Made a red-hot favourite for the Shamshuiho Stakes, second section, "Flying Dragon" (A. Ostrumoff) forgot its wings and only managed to trot past the Winning Post with the other seven also-rans.

Protest
H. Maitland scored his third victory of the day when he guided "Bootsie," a red-hot favourite, first past the Judges' Box in the final event of the Meeting.

A protest was lodged by the Stewards against "Bootsie" for bumping into "Jump Bid" (B. C. Liang) and, on the protest being sustained, "Bootsie" was disqualified. The official result of the race was given as follows:
1st "Jump Bid"; 2nd "Frosty Light"; 3rd "Ann Hing".

Ticket No. 42207 won the first prize of \$50,214 in the Cash Sweep drawn for the last race. The second prize of \$10,031 was won by Ticket No. 80137, and the third prize of \$9,031 by Ticket No. 69223.

The Drums and Pipes of the Royal Inniskillings, under Drum-Major A. Laird, were in attendance and helped considerably to enliven things during the intervals between races.

Ho Man Tin Handicap
Race 1 (First Section)—For Australian ponies, Class 3. Weight 145 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1948. Limit to penalty 12 lbs.—One Mile.
1. Annax; 2. Tripoli; 3. Victorious.

Dare-Devils Drop To Fourth Slot

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The holidays proved disastrous for the Dare-devils as they saw their junior loop pennant chances fade with a double defeat to drop to the fourth slot, while the Braves made sure of the Ernie Heather Trophy when they trampled a disorganised United Nations outfit 19-2 yesterday.

The Braves now lead the league with only three losses and two more games to play, their closest rivals being the Jaguars with five losses against them.

The United Nations were unfortunate in getting off to a bad start, second baseman Aladin's muff after two outs resulting in three Brave runs crossing the plate. Billy Soares's Warriors from Homunin played championship ball and had things pretty well their own way most of the time. The only inning in which the United Nations had a look-in was in the fourth when Brave hurler Vic Pedruco allowed a single and let in a run, and after he sustained a finger injury when he dug his finger nails into the dirt on a low pitch, he lost control and loaded the bases with one away.

Billy Soares called 'time' and signalled relief hurler Ramon Loureiro to take over mound duties, and although the Unations tallied once more, Loureiro pitched 3-2/3 hitless innings.

In the last chapter the Braves threw in their substitutes and Mickey McDougall taking over the keystone fielded both chances that came his way. Mickey also hit safely once in his two batting attempts but spoiled a perfect morning by tripping over his own drag butt.

Queen of Swat
The Aces and Bees went through the motions in their third-round schedule, with the former taking a 15-8 triumph after a 5-3 defeat in the first round. The Aces, who were a cluster of five tallies. Grille Gan, current Queen of Swat, dropped a few percentage points in a two for five performance with the side which included a two-bagger. Grille who is every inch a ballplayer's ballplayer missed a homer in her fifth trip when her towering fly was hauled down in deep centre. Longest clout in the fracs were potted out by Ace short-stop Theresa, who failed to touch second base, while in another instance a runner overran second and was tagged out.

There has been a general all-round improvement since their last showing against the Bees. Carolyn Lee at third base smothered several scoring attempts with her bullet throw to catcher Pat Sullivan, while short-stop Joan Eager and first-baseman Joe Eager were responsible for preventing several of the opposition from getting on base. Pitcher Dorothy Park, who wields a wicked willow, chuckled a fair game, but her chief weakness is in rushing her pitches instead of settling with the result that she walked over a dozen to first—this is damaging in a ball-game as every batter gets on base via a walk as bad as giving up a hit. The Braves, on the other hand, were a little better, getting Margaret and Marie also gave good displays for their side. Coach Buntly Neves and manager Rennie Remedios have great plans for this team and are planning to put them in the semi-finals of the Open Singles in the next open league.

For the combined side, Nana Carvalho toed the rubber for the first time in her diamond experience and, backed by veterans Dolly Brown, Terry Noronha and Gilly Wingling managed to cut down the score. Included on this side were Jacqueline Brown and eight year old Marie Camille Barros, who after drawing four walks in her first five trips, hit her fifth time with the bat, and fanned.

Latest hitting averages in the ladies loop shows Grille Gan still tops with a slim margin over Ellie Babida, while Jean Lee's wonderful hitting on Sunday brings her up to within 2 percentage points of Babida.

Taikoktsui Handicap
Race 11 (Second Section)—For Australian ponies, Class 4. Weight 147 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1948. Limit to penalty 12 lbs.—One Mile.
1. Bootsie; 2. Jump Bid; 3. Frosty Light; 4. Neck; 5. Longa.
Time 1:02.4.
Parl-Mutuel Win \$18.90; Places \$6.50, \$2.00, \$2.00.

Hungham Stakes
Race 2 (Second Section)—For Australian ponies, Class 6. Weight 145 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1948. Limit to penalty 12 lbs.—One Mile.
1. Chesterfield; 2. Boom Town; 3. Lovely Lady; 4. Sapientia.
Time 1:00.4.
Parl-Mutuel Win \$20.00; Places \$7.00, \$2.00, \$2.00.

Shamshuiho Stakes
Race 3 (First Section)—For Australian ponies, Class 8. Weight 147 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1948. Limit to penalty 12 lbs.—One Mile.
1. Annax; 2. Tripoli; 3. Victorious.

Shamshuiho Stakes
Race 4 (First Section)—For Australian ponies, Class 8. Weight 147 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1948. Limit to penalty 12 lbs.—One Mile.
1. Annax; 2. Tripoli; 3. Victorious.

Gun Duel

A gun-duel between a party of Police and armed robbers in the vicinity of 228 Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, shortly after eleven o'clock last night resulted in four of the robbers being captured and a passer-by wounded.

It is reported that the robbers were on their way to commit robbery when they were intercepted by the Police party.

Home Football Results

The following were the results of football matches played today.

FIRST DIVISION	
Bolton	0 M'chester U 1
Derby Co	1 Blackpool 0
Everton	3 Grimsby 1
Sheffield	1 Blackburn R 1
Manchester C	1 Chelsea 0
Middlesbrough	1 Arsenal 0
Preston N E	1 Portsmouth 2
Stoke City	3 Burnley 0
Wolves	2 Sunderland 1

SECOND DIVISION	
Barnsley	1 Newcastle U 1
Birmingham C	4 West Brom 0
Bradford	5 Bury 0
Fulham	1 Luton Town 1
Leeds	1 Brentford 0
Leicester	3 Doncaster R 2
Notts For	1 Southampton 1
Argyle	1 Conventry C 0
Sheffield Wed	1 Chesterfield 0
Nottingham	2 Millwall 2
West Ham U	4 Cardiff City 2

THIRD NORTH	
Accrington	0 Southport 0
Gateshead	3 Lincoln 0
Halifax	0 Bradford C 0
Hartlepool	3 Darlington 0
Hull C	3 New Brighton 0
Mansfield	2 Chester 0
Oldham A	2 Carlisle U 1
Reading	1 Rochdale 0
Stockport C	0 Rotherham U 1
Tranmere	0 Rotherham U 1
Wrexham	3 Barrow 0
York City	0 Crewe Alex 1

THIRD SOUTH	
Bournemouth	2 Exeter 1
Bristol R	7 Aldershot 1
Palace	2 Norwich 0
Ipswich	1 Leyton O 0
QPR	1 Swansea 0
Newport	1 Reading 0
Q.P. Rangers	2 Portvale 0
Torquay U	1 Brighton 2
Walsall	2 Bristol C 0
Walford	1 Swindon 0
Southend U	1 Notts Co 2

SCOTTISH "A"	
Rangers	1 Falkirk 1
Third Lanark	5 Celtic 1
Reuter.	

Varsity Badminton

The finals of the University Badminton Tournament were played off on Sunday at the Ev Tong Sen Gymnasium. Last year's champion, Low Kent-soo, did not compete. S.A. Vinar, of whom much was expected, was beaten in the semi-finals of the Open Singles by freshman "dark horse" Lim Chen-poh.

The great interest shown in the game by the students has resulted in two tournaments being held—the Open Tournament and the Novices' Tournament.

Two players gained the distinction of playing in all the finals, Miss Fiona Anderson and Tan Yoke-kwan—both winning two titles each.

At the conclusion of the finals, Mrs. Lee Hah-long gave away the prizes.

NOVICES TOURNAMENT
Men's Singles: Champion: C.P. Lim. Runner-up: J.C. Koh.
Ladies Singles: Champion: A. Heah. Runner-up: M. Leong.
Men's Doubles: Champions: C.P. Lim and E. Khoo. Runners-up: H.M. Lau and S.K. Cheong.
Mixed Doubles: Champions: D. Chelliah and Heah. Runners-up: H.M. Lau and M. Leong.
NOVICES TOURNAMENT
Men's Singles: Champion: Y.K. Tan. Runner-up: Y.M. Leong.
Ladies Singles: Champion: F. Anderson. Runner-up: S. Chan.
Men's Doubles: Champions: L.S. Lung and T.T. Foo. Runners-up: Y.K. Tan and E.H. Ong.
Ladies Doubles: Champions: F. Anderson and T. Jallohsky. Runners-up: S. Chan and W.P. Lau.
Mixed Doubles: Champions: Y.K. Tan and L. Ormond. Runners-up: J.P. Ooi and F. Anderson.

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Compelling Force Of Geography

New Delhi, Mar. 28.

Premier Jawaharlal Nehru indicated in Delhi today "the possibility of close economic and defence co-operation among the Southeast Asian countries based not on racial and religious grounds, but the compelling force of geography."

He was addressing the 21st annual session of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

In this group are Pakistan, India, Nepal, Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, Siam, Indonesia and even Australia and New Zealand.

He said, "This coming together of geographically contiguous areas is based not on any principle of imperialism or domination or leadership by India."

He added that India is "so peculiarly situated that anything happening in the Indian Ocean affects and is affected by India."

Nehru said, "The only way to meet the present-day world crisis is to start industries on a large scale and utilise the existing resources of the country to the fullest."

Capital Goods
He was replying to the Presidential address by M. A. Master.

Master desired information on the Indian Government's ultimate plans to obtain capital goods from abroad in view of the possible unavailability from the United States after President Harry Truman's call for semi-wartime economy.

Master also desired clarification of the Indian Government's industrial policy.

Nehru said, "It is wrong to think that private enterprise is inimical to the national interests and future industrialisation of the country. But no Government worth the name can shut its eyes to the evils of 10th century economic ideologies." — Associated Press.

CORNISH FISHER FLEET RAID
London, Mar. 28.
The frigate Cygnet, reported to have received orders to investigate allegations made by Cornish fishermen against French and Belgian vessels, will radio an immediate report to the Admiralty through the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth.

Cygnet was diverted while en route to Portsmouth from the Isle of Man.—Reuter.

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